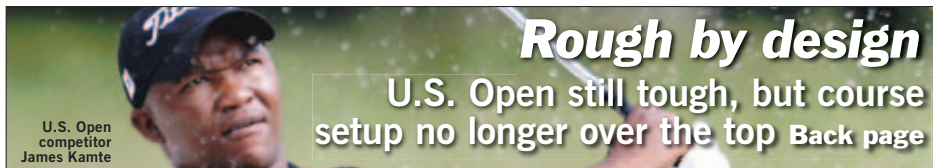


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President Barack Obama and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak hold a news conference Tuesday at the White House in Washington.

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'Under no circumstance are we going to allow North Korea to possess nuclear weapons'

U.S. Navy to press North Korean ships for inspections

From staff and wire reports

The U.S. Navy, acting on authority granted by the United Nations, is prepared to intercept North Korean ships and request permission to search them for arms or nuclear technology, a Pentagon official said Tuesday.

Sailors cannot board a ship by force, but if an inspection is refused, the Navy can follow it to the next port and again press for an inspection.

The approach is authorized by a U.N. Security Council resolution approved Friday.

President Barack Obama and visiting South Korean President Lee Myung-bak said at the White House on



Tuesday that the resolution must be fully enforced, but noted that it did not authorize military force. Lee said he and Obama agreed that "under no circumstance are we going to allow North Korea to possess nuclear weapons."

The communist government has tested two underground nuclear devices and is believed by U.S. intelligence to possess material to make several nuclear bombs.

At the Pentagon, press secretary Geoff Morrell said the U.S. has yet to intercept a North Korean ship.

"At this point, all we're doing is monitoring North Korean shipments and, hopefully, it does not become necessary," he said.

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American unit hunting 'rocket man' in Baghdad

By **TERI WEAVER**
Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — Here's how they do it.

They survey the streets of Ru-safa, a relatively clean, quiet and well-to-do part of eastern Baghdad. They look for an open space about half the size of a soccer field.

They sneak in at night — maybe by car, maybe by donkey cart. The calculations for their target, the Green Zone on the other side of the Tigris River, are ready. They need a minute or so to place the launcher and start the 15-minute timer. Then, they run.

People are injured or killed, often Iraqi citizens. At 5:40 a.m. June 7, three Iraqis were injured after two rockets flew from Ru-safa toward the Green Zone but missed their mark.

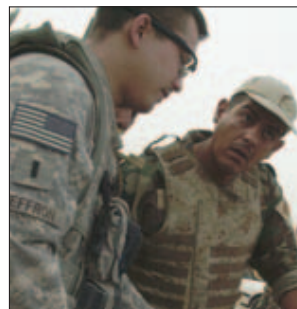
About a month ago, another hit inside the massive government and military complex in Baghdad. It killed one person, according to officers with the 1st Battalion, 5th Regiment with the 1st Cavalry Division.

It's the job of the battalion's Company C to go after the people launching the attacks.

The soldiers, who are tankers by training, have dubbed the collective enemy "rocket man."

As overall violence decreases in Iraq, there are still places where attacks against U.S. and Iraqi forces are planned and executed with precision, says Lt. Col. Scott Jackson, the battalion commander.

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First Lt. Bart Heffron talks with a senior enlisted Iraqi soldier in the patrol team before a mission.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The bottom line is I'm going to want a new rule."

— Randy Babbitt, new head of the Federal Aviation Administration, on rethinking pilot fatigue regulations, a measure watchdog safety groups have been pushing for two decades

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Air Force to train more pilots to fly drones

The Air Force will train more pilots to fly unmanned aerial vehicles than traditional manned fighters and bombers in the current fiscal year, USA Today reported.

Revealing the ever-increasing need for a steady intelligence stream, the service will train 240 Predator and Reaper drone pilots compared with 214 fighter and bomber pilots.

"The capability provided by the unmanned aircraft is game-changing," Gen. Norton Schwartz, the Air Force chief of staff, told USA Today in an e-mailed statement. "We can have eyes 24/7 on our adversaries. The importance of that is clear in the feedback from the ground troops — this is a capability they don't want to be without."

From staff reports

Clarifications

■ A June 12 story concerning a court-martial involving Marine Lance Cpl. Dante Robert Larry omitted information concerning the final verdict in the case. Although the judge ruled possession and use of the psychoactive herb Spice could be considered a violation of Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which covers all controlled drugs and other potentially intoxicating substances, Larry was actually found guilty of other violations of the UCMJ: conspiracy to distribute Spice, solicitation with the intent to distribute Spice, violating a general order, and giving a false official statement.

■ The June 13 headline for "Military Update" should have said that many private schools were rejecting Yellow Ribbon plans for the GI Bill, and not the GI Bill itself.



TERI WEAVER/Stars and Stripes

Two soldiers with Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment look on as families walk through a neighborhood in Rusafa, part of eastern Baghdad. Company C is on a mission to find "rocket man," the group of men who are shooting rockets into the Green Zone.

Hunt: Troops to continue 'rocket man' patrols with Iraqis after withdrawal

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The Iraqis are just as concerned. "It's not good for them either," Jackson said.

The operation is called Vigilant Guard. The Americans started it more than a month ago, and now they patrol with at least one Iraqi army unit in tow.

Their tactic is simple: Be in sector when most of the attacks happen, and talk to neighbors to see if they've seen any suspicious activity.

The job, however, is hard. While residents and shop owners are friendly, offering refreshments and cigarettes to the soldiers who come by, most are too frightened to report suspicious activity. Most say their neighborhood is safe.

The mission remains dangerous. On June 4, one of Company C's platoons was hit with an EFP, or explosively formed penetrator, a sophisticated roadside bomb that can rip through armor. They were driving on a narrow neighborhood street, between large

houses built for former Iraqi government officials under Saddam Hussein. The bomb hit the convoy's lead truck and did minor damage, the soldiers said. No one was injured.

Their mission will continue after the June 30 deadline, by which U.S. forces will largely pull back from Iraqi cities. But U.S. troops will go out only if they have equal numbers of Iraqi soldiers and vehicles in the patrol. They hope that soon the Iraqis will begin leading the mission, according to Jackson.

On one block, four Iraqi men sit in a driveway, unafraid of insurgents or others who might see them.

It's after 9 p.m., and from their stoop the men talk with a couple of Iraqi soldiers. They face an open field, lit up with a warped circle of fluorescent lights powered by a generator.

About three weeks ago, a rocket was launched from that field at about the same time of night, said

Sgt. John Martinez, a member of 1st Platoon. By the time the platoon got there, the Iraqi army had cornered two men. They had also found the launcher and the timer.

But nothing linked the two suspects to the violence. In the end, they were let go.

Now, the men in the neighborhood keep watch alongside the Iraqi soldiers.

One of Company C's platoon leaders, 1st Lt. Bart Heffron, 24, of Hilo, Hawaii, stops to talk with them. The men know some English and begin talking about their favorite whiskey. They ask Heffron inside for a drink, and he politely, regretfully declines.

The men say they are trying to get more neighbors to turn on lights to further illuminate the field.

"I don't think they'll be using this field again," Heffron said.

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Base's taxi services expanding

By T.D. FLACK
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — AAFES officials at Misawa are expanding a taxi pickup service Friday, and adding other services toward the end of the month.

Kichi Taxi — the only company contracted to provide on-base service through the Army and Air Force Exchange Service at Misawa — began offering in February what they call “daiko” service every Saturday from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m., AAFES general manager Anna Iosefo explained.

Under daiko — Japanese that translates roughly as “to do something for someone” — a taxi will arrive with two drivers, one of whom will drive your car home. It’s a popular service in Japanese communities and saves someone from getting behind the wheel if they’ve had anything alcoholic to drink. The minimum blood alcohol level at which a person can be charged with drunken driving in Japan is 0.03 percent, less than half the 0.08 percent minimum in the States.

Kichi Taxi charges the normal fare, plus a 1,000 yen fee for the service.

Beginning this week, daiko will also be available from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. every Friday.

“We want to provide the community other options,” Iosefo said.

AAFES also is introducing the “golden



T.D. FLACK/Stars and Stripes

A Kichi Taxi drives through Misawa Air Base, Japan, on Tuesday. The company began offering expanded “daiko” service Friday.

ticket” program later this month, though a date hasn’t been set, she said.

Those prepaid tickets will be sold for 1,500 yen in the shoppettes and in the exchange and are valid for one trip anywhere on the base. Iosefo explained that since a trip from the front gate to the north housing area can cost 2,500 yen, the golden ticket can help save customers money.

The tickets can be used Friday through Sunday. If a customer’s pickup point or destination is off base, and the total fare is more than 1,500 yen, the customer must pay the difference.

Also planned this month is the debut of “rider benefit cards.” Each time a customer rides in a taxi, the card is annotated. After the sixth trip, the customer earns a free AAFES movie or lunch.

And, Iosefo explained, pocket reference cards with taxi phone numbers are going to be made available to base residents.

Kichi Taxi can be reached at DSN 616-5438 or 616-5439.

There are other Japanese companies that offer cheaper daiko service, but they aren’t authorized to bring customers on base.

Toshiyuki Onodera, of the Kotobuki daiko service in Misawa city, said his company often has American customers who want to go to their off-base homes.

Local bars and restaurants will gladly call his service for their customers, he said, though sometimes Americans who can speak some Japanese call directly.

Kotobuki charges 1,000 yen for the first 3 miles, which is about as far as most Americans live off base from the bar area outside the front gate, Onodera said.

Kotobuki runs daily from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. and can be reached at 0176-52-3450.

Stars and Stripes reporter Hana Kusumoto contributed to this story.

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EU, U.S. reach agreement on Guantanamo

Los Angeles Times

European Union and U.S. representatives reached an agreement Monday in which individual European nations can receive inmates cleared for release from the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Separately, President Barack Obama said in Washington that Italy would accept three detainees. He made the announcement after meeting with Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi in the Oval Office.

The EU agreement, announced after a meeting of the 27 European Union foreign ministers in Brussels, Belgium, repeats previous statements about how Europe and the United States will work together to close Guantanamo. The announcement did not specify which nations would take former inmates or how many. It left the decision up to each nation, many of which oppose taking former prisoners — especially because of U.S. reluctance to do the same.

But European officials said Monday’s move is positive because of a U.S. pledge to share all intelligence, including confidential information, on each potential transfer. The United States also has agreed to consider compensating governments for the expense incurred in housing and monitoring former inmates.

Intensified talks are expected as U.S. diplomats visit nations that are open to helping resettle about 60 inmates who are cleared for release but cannot return to their homelands because of human rights issues.

Foreign Minister Miguel Moratinos of Spain said he looked forward to working “in a positive sense” with the U.S. to craft a plan specifying how many inmates Spain would be asked to take, according to Spanish news reports.



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Eye on the sky

Left: Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan Dailey on Monday stands watch over the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, which is on a routine deployment to the Western Pacific. Right: An F/A-18F Super Hornet assigned to the “Fighting Redcocks” of VFA 22 prepares to land on the Reagan’s flight deck.

Lawmakers slam VA over medical contamination scare

By BEN EVANS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers sharply criticized the Department of Veterans Affairs on Tuesday about why a national scare over botched colonoscopies earlier this year didn’t prompt stronger safeguards at the agency’s medi-

cal centers.

House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Bob Filner said VA Secretary Eric Shinseki has pledged to take disciplinary action over the matter.

The strong reaction came as the agency’s inspector general reported at a House hearing that fewer than half of VA facilities

selected for surprise inspections last month had proper training and guidelines in place. That was months after the VA launched a nationwide safety campaign over the discovery of errors at three facilities in Georgia, Florida and Tennessee that could have exposed veterans to HIV and other infections.

Lawmakers said the new information raises concerns that problems with common endoscopic procedures such as colonoscopies could be far more widespread than initially believed.

“You certainly would think that after the initial discoveries and the directive from the VA that medical directors would make

sure that all of their equipment and procedures were brought into line and yet this investigation shows that many, many did not,” said Filner, who praised the VA for being transparent about the mistakes.

“There will be a public accounting of this situation,” he said.

THE SMALLPOX PROBLEM

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Smallpox was eradicated as a natural infection in 1980, yet servicemembers are vaccinated against it. The vaccine has sickened 200, and may have killed 1.

Should we be worried?



By JIA-RUI CHONG
Los Angeles Times

First came the stomach aches and low fevers. Then Lance Cpl. Cory Belken broke out in a rash. His temperature shot up to 104.6 degrees.

The young man became delirious. His blood pressure dropped.

Belken, a 20-year-old Marine, had been dealing with two potentially life-threatening conditions — a recent onset of acute leukemia and a blooming infection from a smallpox vaccination. He was that unlucky one-in-a-million case, his doctors said.

In doctors' and family members' account of that harrowing night of March 7, hospital staff at Naval Medical Center San Diego scrambled to get Belken to the intensive care unit and worked on him for about 12 hours. Doctors pumped five medications called vasopressors into Belken's body at the highest dose, constricting peripheral blood vessels to keep blood pumping to his heart and brain. Other organs started to fail.

On the afternoon of March 8, Lt. William Danchenko, an oncology nurse-practitioner, approached family members in the waiting room. He thought this was it.

"We need you now," Danchenko told them.

Barbara Skaggs, 39, rushed to the bedside of her only child. "Come back," she begged.

Belken was the victim of bad timing, said Lt. Cmdr. Edith Lederman, an infectious diseases specialist at the naval hospital.

When a corpsman at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms jabbed Belken's arm 15 times to deliver the smallpox vaccine Jan. 13, the young man felt fine.

His answers to a standard set of health questions did not rule him out from getting the standard regimen of vaccines for deploying to Iraq. So Belken got the smallpox shot, which delivers a live form of the virus vaccinia.

Had the cancerous cells built up faster, officials would have seen the symptoms of leukemia



ALLEN J. SCHABEN/Los Angeles Times

Lt. Cmdr. Edith Lederman, an infectious diseases specialist at the Naval Medical Center San Diego, administers an experimental medication to Lance Cpl. Cory Belken, 20, of Piedmont, Mo. Belken was unaware he had acute leukemia at the time of his smallpox vaccination. The leukemia suppressed his immune system, leaving him unusually vulnerable to the vaccine.

and exempted him from the vaccine, Lederman said. Or, if he had gotten the vaccine several months earlier, she said, his immune system probably could have cleared the vaccinia without much trouble.

"It's a fluke, really," Lederman said.

More than 1.7 million servicemembers have been vaccinated against smallpox since 2002 because of fears of a bioterrorism attack.

About 200 servicemembers have developed complications associated with the smallpox vaccination that were serious enough to require hospitalization or absence from work, according to Lt. Col. Patrick Garman of the Military Vaccine Agency.

Most of these people recovered, but in one case in 2003, two expert panels concluded that a group of standard deployment vaccines, including the one for smallpox, probably contributed to the death of Army Specialist Rachel Lacy.

That low rate of serious problems is still high enough to keep public health officials from mandating smallpox jabs for the general population, experts said. The disease has been eradicated as a

natural infection since 1980.

But because the military still thinks there is a credible threat of bioterrorism with smallpox, officials remain committed to inoculating servicemembers, said Dr. Michael Kilpatrick, who directs strategic communications for the Military Health System.

Military officials said they are doing their best to reduce complications by asking about pre-existing conditions, but they can't catch everything.

Belken was one of the estimated 12,800 Americans a year who develop acute myelogenous leukemia. He just didn't know it when he was vaccinated.

After a blood test revealed the leukemia, on Jan. 28 he was admitted to Naval Medical Center San Diego.

Cmdr. Amy Reese, a staff oncologist, felt she had to start chemotherapy immediately, despite the blistering and slightly enlarged size of his vaccination site.

"We know untreated leukemia is 100 percent fatal," she said.

Doctors said they don't believe his vaccination triggered the leukemia. But his depleted immune system, crippled by the leukemia and chemotherapy, did appear to leave enough of an opening for

the vaccinia to take hold.

A colleague asked Lederman to take a look at Belken's lesion because he knew she worked on pox viruses during a fellowship at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Afterward, Lederman told Belken and family members she was very concerned. She suspected a spreading infection known as progressive vaccinia and was sending samples to the CDC.

Lederman told the family it was a rare condition but potentially fatal.

Belken asked evenly, "Can it be cured?"

Yes, Lederman told him, but it probably would require some experimental treatments in addition to the standard ones. She knew about a drug called ST-246 that had been effective.

Lederman secured special approval from the Food and Drug Administration.

With so many things haywire in Belken's system, doctors hustled to figure out what was causing his crash. The main problem turned out to be a multiple-drug resistant bacterium called "Pseudomonas aeruginosa." It had invaded Belken's bloodstream while his immune system was low.

Vaccinia infection puts boy's life in jeopardy

SAN DIEGO — A vaccinia infection nearly killed a 2-year-old Indiana boy in 2007 who contracted the virus from his father, a recently vaccinated servicemember.

The boy, who was vulnerable because he had the skin condition eczema, developed vaccinia lesions over 50 percent of his body. He recovered after he received an experimental drug.

— Los Angeles Times

Tests for vaccinia did not show any in the blood or bone marrow, but Lederman acknowledged the infection might have had some effect.

"Any time you have an infection or multiple infections going on at the same time, you distract the immune system somewhat," she said.

The near-death experience left its mark on Belken. Surgeons had to amputate both legs below the knees.

The vaccinia also spawned satellite lesions. Lederman had to add another experimental drug known as CMX-001, which had never been tested on vaccinia patients.

The young man required so many doses of Vaccinia Immune Globulin that the CDC has suggested re-evaluating how much is kept in the Strategic National Stockpile. Belken's infection required an amount originally estimated to treat 30 people.

Belken has a long road to recovery, but he is making progress.

After a four-month stay at the San Diego hospital, he was transferred to a rehabilitation facility. With the help of a front-wheel walker, Belken can now go about 50 feet on his new prosthetic legs without taking a break.

He was also promoted to corporal last week.

Bone marrow tests lately have shown no evidence of leukemia, and Belken is eagerly preparing for a transplant.

DOD wavers on releasing Afghan airstrike report

By NANCY A. YOUSSEF
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials are debating whether to ignore an earlier promise and squelch the release of an investigation into a U.S. airstrike last month, out of fear its findings would further enrage the Afghan public, Pentagon officials told McClatchy on Monday.

The military promised to release the report shortly after the May 4 air attack, which killed dozens of Afghans, and the Pentagon reiterated that promise last week. U.S. officials also said they would release a video military officials said shows Taliban fighters attacking Afghan and U.S. forces and then running into a building. Shortly afterward, a U.S. aircraft dropped a bomb

that destroyed the building.

However, a senior defense official told McClatchy on Monday, "The decision (about what to release) is now in limbo."

Pentagon leaders are divided about whether releasing the report would reflect a renewed push for openness and transparency about civilian casualties or whether it would only fan Afghan outrage and become a Taliban recruiting tool just as Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal takes command of U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

Two U.S. military officials told McClatchy the video shows no one checked to see whether any women or children were in the building before it was bombed. The report acknowledges mistakes were made and U.S. forces didn't always follow proper

procedures, but it does little to reassure Afghans the U.S. has done enough to avoid repeating those mistakes.

During his Senate confirmation hearing earlier this month, McChrystal promised to review U.S. tactics and what more could be done to minimize civilian casualties.

The chief investigator has briefed Defense Secretary Robert Gates on the report, and other top defense officials, including Navy Adm. Michael Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, are reviewing an unclassified version of it for possible release.

The airstrike, in western Farah province, has drawn the ire of local and national leaders who are angered U.S. forces might have killed as many as 140 civilians in pur-

suit of a band of Taliban fighters. Shortly after the attack, U.S. military officials told McClatchy they thought the death toll had been roughly 50, some of them militants.

The U.S. use of airstrikes in Afghanistan, and the resulting civilian casualties and property damage, have strained relations between the U.S. and Afghanistan and become an issue in Afghanistan's August elections.

"The airstrikes are not acceptable," Afghan President Hamid Karzai said during his May visit to the U.S. "This is something that we've raised in the Afghan government very clearly, that terrorism is not in the Afghan villages, not in Afghan homes. And you cannot defeat terrorists by airstrikes."

Pakistani army offensive targets Taliban leader

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's military said Tuesday that it is in the early stages of an operation targeting the country's Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud in a key stronghold of al-Qaida and other militants.

The military has shelled and launched air raids in South Waziristan, which borders Afghanistan, in recent days. Convoys of military trucks carrying tanks and heavy artillery were seen Tuesday in the nearby towns of Dera Ismail Khan and Tank.

Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas told a news conference the military had received orders from the government to begin operations against Mehsud, whose base is in South Waziristan.

The army shelled suspected militant hideouts in three villages in South Waziristan on Tuesday in response to attacks on two military checkpoints, two intelligence officials told The Associated Press. Two other officials



SHAKIL ADIL/AP

Pakistani anti-Taliban protesters beat and burn an effigy of the top Pakistani commander of Taliban, Baitullah Mehsud, on Monday in Karachi, Pakistan.

said helicopter gunships targeted suspected Mehsud hideouts in various areas of South Waziristan.

Information Minister Qamar Zaman Kaira said the government is prepared to weather a fresh terrorism campaign if necessary.

Mehsud, who is also accused of master-

minding the 2007 assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto — the wife of current President Asif Ali Zardari — is blamed for the string of suicide bombings and other attacks carried out in retaliation for the Swat operation. More than 100 people have died in the attacks since late May.

Commuter bus fire in Iraq kills 14

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A commuter bus traveling from Baghdad to a southern city caught fire Tuesday morning, killing 14 passengers on board, Iraqi officials said.

The blaze broke out near the city of Kut, 100 miles southeast of the capital. Police said the fire started in the engine at the rear. Wind then caused the flames to fan through the rest of the bus.

The head of the regional health department, Dr. Tahir Ghanim Murad, confirmed the death toll and said 30 other people were injured. Police officials said the driver survived and was being questioned.

Mohammed al-Zubaidi, a taxi driver, was driving in the opposite direction of the bus when he saw the fire. "I saw the bus driving on fire and then it turned over," al-Zubaidi said.

He added that an Iraqi police patrol was nearby and responded to the scene.

Although road accidents are not uncommon in Iraq, the bus fire accounted for the largest loss of life in recent days.

News of the bus fire came the same day the U.S. military said an American soldier had been killed by a roadside bomb southeast of Baghdad. The name of the soldier was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Candidates' posters mark start of Afghan campaign

The Associated Press

KABUL — A two-month campaign season began Tuesday for

presidential elections to decide who leads Afghanistan for the next five years, as the Taliban

rebellion grows more violent and the U.S. sends in tens of thousands of troops to combat it.

Campaigning got off to a slow start. The only signs of activity were the posters for President Hamid Karzai — who is currently visiting Russia — and some of his 40 opponents in the Aug. 20 vote that appeared overnight on the streets of Kabul.

Karzai, who has served as Afghan leader since soon after the Taliban regime's ouster in 2001 and comfortably won the first presidential vote in 2004, is expected to win again. But many Afghans are unhappy with his

leadership.

Karzai's main challengers are past Cabinet colleagues: former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani and former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah.

"The last election I voted for Karzai, but later I saw that he was not worth it," said Mohammad Shokran, a 28-year-old medical student, standing at a street corner next to posters of the top three candidates.

"He (Karzai) could not do anything for development or progress for the country. Of all the people who are running for the presidency, Abdullah will be the best."

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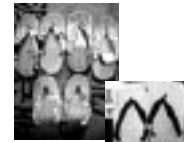
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IN THE STATES

Inspections: U.S. won't be alone in effort

INSPECTIONS, FROM PAGE 1

On Tuesday morning, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., criticized the U.N. resolution in a Twitter message, writing, "This is a half measure — those ships should be stopped and searched ... if there is probable cause."

Morrell said the resolution represented definite progress by a unified Security Council and that the U.S. would not be alone.

"So, presumably, this would not just be us, should we find reasonable grounds to presume that one of these ships is carrying banned goods, but similarly if the Russian navy were to see that, or the Chinese navy were to see that, or the Republic of Korean navy or the Japanese navy. Other navies are also empowered by this resolution to deal with this problem, and that is a step in the right direction."

U.S. officials have said the North Koreans appear to be making preparations for a third nuclear test. North Korea also has said it would regard efforts to enforce U.N. sanctions as an act of war.

Asked by a reporter whether he believes his country is under threat of attack from the North,

Lee said, "They will think twice about taking any measures that they will regret. North Korea may wish to do so, but of course they will not be able to."

Obama said that North Korea's record of threatening other



Lee

countries and spreading nuclear technology around the world means it should not be recognized as a legitimate nuclear power.

"We will pursue de-nuclearization on the Korean peninsula vigorously," Obama said. "So we have not come to a conclusion that North Korea will or should be a nuclear power. Given their past behavior, given the belligerent manner in which they are constantly threatening their neighbors, I don't think there's any question that that would be a destabilizing situation that would be a profound threat not only to United States' security but to world security."

Court tells Exxon to pay \$500M in interest

An oil-soaked bird is examined in April 1989 on an island in Prince William Sound, Alaska.

JACK SMITH/AP



By MARK THIESSEN
The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Exxon Mobil Corp. was ordered Monday to pay about \$500 million in interest on punitive damages for the Exxon Valdez oil spill off Alaska, nearly doubling the payout to Alaska Natives, fishermen, business owners and others harmed by the 1989 disaster.

The ruling was issued by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

In June 2008, the U.S. Supreme Court set punitive damages at

\$507.5 million. But two months later, the high court declined to decide whether Exxon Mobil must pay interest on the punitive damages awarded in the nation's worst oil spill and instead sent it back to the appeals court.

Monday's decision would double the average payout of about \$15,000 for the nearly 33,000 claimants.

"We're just happy that we've cleared another hurdle, and hopefully we can get the case tied up as soon as possible," Stanford University law professor Jeffrey

Fisher, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said Monday. "What we want more than anything now is just to bring this case to a close."

Exxon could appeal the decision on the interest payments to the Supreme Court. A spokesman for Exxon said in an e-mail that the company would comment after the decision has been reviewed.

The case grew out of the 1989 crash of the Exxon Valdez, a supertanker that dumped 11 million gallons of crude oil into Alaska's Prince William Sound, fouling 1,200 miles of coastline.

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Cigarette ban coming to Virginia prisons

By AMY GARDNER
The Washington Post

Virginia corrections officials have quietly begun banning cigarettes in some state prisons and plan to make the entire system tobacco-free by February 2010. The health measure follows a national trend, but has left public-safety advocates worried that inmate control could become more difficult.

The policy represents the latest in a series of anti-smoking steps taken in a state where tobacco has dominated the economy and politics for generations. A ban on smoking in restaurants goes into effect Dec. 1, and Gov. Timothy Kaine began the process in late 2006 of banning smoking in

most state office buildings.

"We've all seen the writing on the wall, all around the country and over the past several years," said Larry Traylor, a spokesman for the Virginia Department of Corrections. He said prisoners and employees of Virginia's 32,600-inmate system were notified this year that tobacco would be banned completely after a one-year implementation period.

Already, eight of 40 prisons are either smoke-free or allow employees to smoke only in designated areas away from inmates, Traylor said. Smoking cessation and nicotine replacement therapy programs are under way for inmates and employees. The ultimate goal is to prohibit tobacco products on state prison property, indoors

and out, he said.

Virginia follows the federal prison system, as well as states including California, Texas, Michigan and Colorado, in instituting smoking bans in prisons.

As in other states, the effort in Virginia has raised concerns about maintaining safety. "I don't have any problem with prisoners being denied the right to smoke," said House Majority Leader H. Morgan Griffith. "The only question I have is what effect it would have on control."

The decision comes after an executive order issued in late 2006 by Kaine banning smoking in most state buildings. The order left the door open for the state prison system to follow suit, both to improve the working environment for corrections offi-

cers and to reduce the long-term costs of treating smoking-related disease.

"Curbing smoking in general is a good move for public health," said Kaine spokeswoman Lynda Tran. "Banning smoking in state correctional facilities ensures that individuals who are paying their debt to society now don't re-enter society with poor health or other medical conditions that are related to secondhand smoke and that could ultimately become a burden to taxpayers, businesses and communities."

State corrections employees, who number just under 13,000, also would be barred from smoking at Virginia's 40 state prisons, according to a memo from Gene Johnson, director of the Virginia Department of Corrections.

FAA wants new rules on airline pilot hours

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Obama administration officials said Monday they will propose new limits on how many hours airline pilots can fly in an effort to curb pilot fatigue, an issue safety officials have been urging action on for two decades.

Randy Babbitt, the head of the Federal Aviation Administration, said he will propose the new rule in the next several months. A former airline pilot who has been at FAA only a few weeks, Babbitt said the issue is complicated because a pilot flying fewer hours with more takeoffs and landings will likely experience more fatigue than a pilot on a longer flight with only one takeoff and one landing.

"The bottom line is I'm going to want a new rule," said Babbitt, who was accompanied by Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood at a media briefing.

The National Transportation Safety Board has been urging the FAA for 19 years to strengthen regulations on pilot hours. FAA proposed a new rule in 1995, but action stalled after pilot unions and industry disagreed on the proposal. The unions wanted to reduce the number of hours pilots can be on duty and increase time off between flights, while airlines opposed the changes.

"It's money," said Dave Ross, a trustee for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which represents pilot unions at six regional airlines. "If you can't fly a pilot as long as you do today, then that increases your cost."

David Castelveter, a spokesman for the Air Transportation Association, a trade association for the airline industry, declined to comment, saying it would be premature since no rule has yet been proposed.

FAA regulations generally limit pilots to no more than 16 hours on duty and eight hours of scheduled flight time. Pilots must also have eight hours off between shifts.



AP

Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin holds her son, Trig, as she talks with daughter Bristol after her family joined her on stage after her speech at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn., on Sept. 3. At right is daughter Willow and in back is Bristol's then-boyfriend Levi Johnston. Letterman apologized Monday night for making a joke about one of Palin's daughters.

Palin accepts apology from David Letterman

By VERNE GAY
Newsday

NEW YORK — In an extraordinary mea culpa Monday night, talk show host David Letterman told viewers of his program that his monologue joke regarding Sarah Palin's daughter "was beyond flawed," and added, "I would like to apologize, especially to the two daughters involved, Bristol and Willow, and also to the governor and her family and everybody else who was outraged by the joke."

"I'm sorry about it and I'll try to do better in the future."

The Alaska governor accepted Letterman's apology, "Of course I accept [the apology] on behalf of young women like my daughters." A statement from Palin was shown on Tuesday morning's "Today."

Letterman — and doubtless, CBS — hopes the apology will douse a firestorm created by his

joke that Palin's daughter, while visiting New York, was "knocked up by Alex Rodriguez."

Late-night host apologies to public figures are exceedingly rare, if not unprecedented, but Letterman's joke — which he disavowed last week and which he has continued to say was about Palin's adult daughter, Bristol, and not sister, Willow, 14, who was at the Yankee game — has assumed a life of its own.

The joke was told during the June 8 broadcast, couched in a couple of otherwise good-natured jabs at Palin. But Palin issued a statement on her Facebook page blasting the joke and followed that up Friday with an interview on "Today" demanding that Letterman "apologize to women."



Letterman

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House OKs war funds

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — War-funding legislation survived a fierce partisan battle in the House on Tuesday, a major step in providing commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan the money they would need for military operations in the coming months.

The \$106 billion measure, in addition to about \$80 billion for military operations, provides for an array of other spending priorities, including \$7.7 billion to respond to the flu pandemic and more than \$10 billion in development and security aid for Pakistan and Iraq as well as countries such as Mexico and the nation of Georgia.

Democratic leaders pushing

the bill on behalf of the Obama administration had to overcome an unusual alliance. Anti-war Democrats opposed continued war spending and Republicans condemned \$5 billion in the measure to secure a \$108 billion U.S. line of credit to the International Monetary Fund for loans to poor countries.

The vote was 226-202, with only five Republicans voting for the bill and 32 Democrats opposing it.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., unsuccessfully appealed to Republicans for support, saying 80 percent of the package still went to the troops. "Stand up for them," he said.

The Senate could move as early as this week on the legislation.

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IN THE WORLD

Thousands rally to support Iranian regime

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI
AND NASSER KARIMI
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Thousands of pro-reform protesters marched Tuesday in a second straight day of large street demonstrations in the Iranian capital, defying the government after the clerical regime said it would recount some disputed ballots from the presidential election.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called on Iranians to unite behind the cleric-led ruling system despite the rival demonstrations and street clashes, state television reported, and he said representatives of all four candidates should be present for any limited recount of disputed ballots.

"In the elections, voters had different tendencies, but they equally believe in the ruling system and support the Islamic Republic," said Khamenei, who is Iran's ultimate authority.

The supporters of reformist candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi marched about the same time — but in a different location — as a state-organized rally that also drew thousands of people waving flags and pictures of Iran's supreme leader in an apparent attempt to reclaim the streets for the government.

Following a demonstration of hundreds of thousands of Mousavi supporters on Monday, the regime issued tough restrictions on journalists, barring foreign media from covering rallies in Tehran.

Witnesses and amateur video showed a large column of Mousavi supporters walking peacefully along a central avenue in north Tehran.

A witness told The Associated Press that the pro-Mousavi rally stretched more than a mile along Vali Asr avenue, from Vanak Square to the headquarters of Iranian state television.

Security forces did not interfere, the witness said, and the protest lasted from about 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Other witnesses told the AP that about 100 people were still protesting in front of state TV around 9:45 p.m.

A correspondent for state-controlled Press TV correspondent said the crowd carried banners of

Mousavi, wore green headbands and covered their mouths in an apparent defense against tear gas.

The clerical government appears to be trying to defuse popular anger and quash unrest by announcing the limited recount even as it cracks down on foreign media and shows its strength by calling supporters to the streets.

"This nation will protect and defend its revolution in any way," Gholam Ali Haddad Adel, a prominent lawmaker and supporter of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, told the pro-government crowd in Vali Asr Square. The people pumped their fists in the air and cheered in support, images on state-run television showed.

Iranian state media said the government organized the rally to demand punishment for those who protested violently after Monday's rally. Mousavi has said he won Friday's balloting and has demanded the government annul Ahmadinejad's victory and conduct a new election.

Khamenei said Monday the

government would conduct an investigation into the election. The move seemed intended to calm protester anger but was followed by a rally of hundreds of thousands of people that presented one of the greatest challenges to Iran's government since it took power in the 1979 Islamic Revolution.



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June 21 from 1000 to 1400

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Alba won't face charges

Police have decided against pursuing a criminal vandalism case against Jessica Alba over some posters that were plastered around downtown Oklahoma City.

Police Sgt. Gary Knight said none of the owners of property on which the posters were placed wanted to press charges against Alba, who has apologized. Police never interviewed the 28-year-old co-star of the "Fantastic Four" movies, "Sin City" and "Good Luck Chuck."

She is in Oklahoma City shooting a movie, "The Killer Inside Me." Police found the posters — aimed at raising awareness of sharks' declining numbers — glued to a bridge, utility boxes and a billboard for the United Way charity.

Knight said it is typical not to pursue vandalism charges when property owners don't want to prosecute.

Pitt, siblings make donation for pediatric cancer center

Brad Pitt and his siblings have given \$1 million to help a Missouri hospital open a new pediatric cancer center that will be named for their mother.

Pitt and his siblings' families, Doug and Lisa Pitt and Rob and Julie Neal, gave the money to St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Mo., on Saturday in honor of their mother's passion for children's issues.

The hospital is opening the Jane Pitt Pediatric Cancer Center this summer in the town where Pitt and his siblings grew up. The donation will pay to hire the only pediatric oncologist and hematologist in the southwest Missouri region.

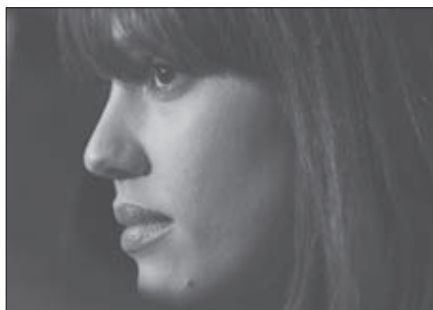
Beyonce to be among performers at BET Awards

Show organizers say pop star Beyonce will attend the ceremony, as will her husband, Jay-Z.

The two join a performance lineup that includes Kanye West, Maxwell, Young Jeezy, Ne-Yo and Soulja Boy.

Beyonce is nominated for a leading five BET Awards, including favorite R&B female and video of the year. Rapper T.I. also has five nods, followed by Lil Wayne, T-Pain and Keri Hilson, who are tied with four nominations each.

Jamie Foxx will host the show, to be broadcast live June 28 from the Shrine Auditorium.



AP

Oklahoma City Police won't be going after actress Jessica Alba.

Drea de Matteo engaged to singer Shooter Jennings

"Sopranos" star Drea de Matteo and her longtime boyfriend, country singer Shooter Jennings, are engaged.

Amanda Silverman, publicist for de Matteo, says Jennings proposed to the 37-year-old actress at his concert in Utica, N.Y., last Thursday.

Silverman says Jennings took de Matteo by surprise when he called her to the stage to pop the question. The couple have an 18-month-old daughter, Alabama. In an update on Twitter, Jennings says: "I'm a lucky man. I'll never forget Utica."



de Matteo and Jennings

Freeman responds to Miss. car wreck lawsuit

The woman in the passenger seat the night Morgan Freeman crashed a car on a rural Mississippi highway was partly to blame for the accident, the actor's attorney said Friday in court papers.

Demaris Meyer is suing the 71-year-old actor in U.S. District Court in Oxford, Miss., claiming Freeman was negligent when the car he was driving ran off the side of a road in the Mississippi Delta and flipped several times. Both Meyer and Freeman were seriously injured in the August crash, which happened about five miles west of Freeman's home in Charleston.

Meyer, who lives in Memphis, Tenn., sued Freeman in February for medical expenses, pain and suffering, lost wages, permanent disability and property damage. The lawsuit alleged Freeman was drinking that night, though it stops short of saying he was intoxicated. No charges were filed.

Freeman's attorney, Jack H. Hayes Jr., responded to the lawsuit Friday in a four-page court document denying almost all the allegations or saying Freeman doesn't know enough about them to form an opinion. Freeman admitted driving the car, and that it left the road and "sustained significant damages." The filing said he "would show [Meyer] is comparatively negligent," though it did not describe what that means.

— The Associated Press



AP

Usher's marriage is over

Court records show singer Usher has filed for divorce from Tameka Foster Raymond after less than two years of marriage.

The 30-year-old Grammy-winning artist, whose real name is Usher Raymond IV, filed the petition Friday in Superior Court in Atlanta. The court record did not give any details about the split between the R&B star and his wife, who were married in

August 2007.

They have two young sons, 1-year-old Usher Raymond V and 6-month-old Naviyd Ely Raymond. His wife has three children from a previous marriage.

E-mail and telephone messages to Usher's publicist were not immediately returned.

— The Associated Press



Allen

Lambert

Iraheta

Trio of Idols ink record deal

With their weird time in the bubble of "American Idol" now over, this season's finalists are finding that the music industry may not have agreed with how "Idol" voters ranked their talent.

Winner Kris Allen and runner-up Adam Lambert both signed with 19 Recordings last week, with pop-oriented Jive Records picking up the rights to Allen's debut and rock-leaning RCA Records landing rights to Lambert's album.

In a structured rollout, 19 announced that it signed fourth-place finisher Allison Iraheta, who also will release her debut through Jive, before revealing a deal, if any, for third-place finisher Danny Gokey.

So does the industry think "Idol" got it wrong? Lambert did win the sweepstakes to land the cover of Rolling Stone — something several of the "Idol" winners, including last year's winner David Cook, have yet to accomplish — ahead of Allen. (Lambert also graced the cover of Entertainment Weekly this season.)

However, on the Billboard charts, Allen is king, with three songs — "No Boundaries" at No. 23, his version of Kanye West's "Heartless" at No. 33, and "Ain't No Sunshine" at No. 94 — ahead of Lambert's two singles "Mad World" (No. 44) and "No Boundaries" (No. 95).

Expect the competition to continue in the fall, as Allen, Lambert and Iraheta's debuts all drop.

— Glenn Gamboa/Newsday



AP

HOW MANY PREMIERES DOES ONE MOVIE NEED?

Actress Megan Fox poses after her arrival for the German premiere of her movie "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," in Berlin on Sunday. The movie will open in some base theaters on July 3.

UP & AT 'EM

Meadow Williams, who plays the title character in the vampire film "Raven," makes her arrival from a casket at the film's premiere at the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences in Los Angeles on Friday.

— The Associated Press



WIRED WORLD

Safer swipes



Security experts say there are several steps the payment industry could take to make sure customer information doesn't leak out of networks. Below are some of their suggestions.

Scrambled signals



Banks could scramble the data that travels over payment networks, so it would be meaningless to anyone not authorized to see it.

For example, TJX Cos., the chain that owns T.J. Maxx and Marshalls and was victimized by a breach that exposed as many as 100 million accounts, the most on record, has tightened its security but says many banks won't accept data in encrypted form.

Fines for frauds



PCI could be optional. In its place, some experts suggest setting fines for each piece of sensitive data a retailer loses.

House of cards

Experts: Credit security a game full of loopholes

By JORDAN ROBERTSON
The Associated Press

Every time you swipe your credit card and wait for the transaction to be approved, sensitive data including your name and account number are ferried from store to bank through computer networks, each step a potential opening for hackers.

And while you may take steps to protect yourself against identity theft, an Associated Press investigation has found the banks and other companies that handle your information are not being nearly as cautious as they could.

The government leaves it to card companies to design security rules that protect the nation's 50 billion annual transactions. Yet an examination of those industry requirements explains why so many breaches occur: The rules are cursory at best and all but meaningless at worst, according to the AP's analysis of data breaches dating to 2005.

It means every time you pay with plastic, companies are gambling with your personal data. If hackers intercept your numbers, you'll spend weeks straightening your mangled credit, though you can't be held liable for unauthorized charges. Even if your transaction isn't hacked, you still lose: Merchants pass all the costs they incur from fraud to customers.

More than 70 retailers and payment processors have disclosed breaches since 2006, involving tens of millions of credit and debit card numbers, according to the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse. Meanwhile, many others likely have been breached and didn't detect it. Even the companies that had the payment industry's top rating for computer security, a seal of approval known as PCI compliance, have fallen victim to huge heists.

Two PCI-certified companies, Heartland Payment Systems and RBS WorldPay Inc., were plundered by hackers. Heartland Systems lost card numbers, expiration dates and

other data for potentially hundreds of millions of shoppers. RBS WorldPay got taken for more than 1 million Social Security numbers.

In 2006, the big card brands — Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and JCB International — formed the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council and created uniform security rules for merchants.

Avivah Litan, a Gartner Inc. analyst, says retailers and payment processors have spent more than \$2 billion on security upgrades to comply with PCI. And the payment industry touts the fact that 93 percent of big retailers in the U.S., and 88 percent of medium-sized ones, are compliant with the PCI rules.

That leaves plenty of merchants out, of course, but the main threat against them is a fine: \$25,000 for big retailers for each month they are not compliant, \$5,000 for medium-sized ones.

Computer security experts say the PCI guidelines are superficial, including requirements that stores run antivirus software and install computer firewalls. Those steps are designed to keep hackers out and customer data in. Yet tests that simulate hacker attacks are required just once a year, and businesses can run the tests themselves.

"It's like going to a doctor and getting your blood pressure read, and if your blood pressure's good you get a clean bill of health," said Tom Kellermann, a former senior member of the World Bank's Treasury security team and now vice president of security awareness for Core Security Technologies.

Merchants that decide to hire an outside auditor to check for compliance with the PCI rules need not spend much. Though some firms generally charge about \$60,000 and take months to complete their inspections, others are far cheaper and faster.

And retailers with fewer than 6 million annual card transactions — a group comprising more than 99 percent of all retailers — do not even

need auditors. They can test and evaluate themselves.

At the same time, the card companies themselves are increasingly hands-off.

Two years ago, Visa scaled back its review of inspection records for the payment processors it works with. It now examines records only for payment processors with computer networks directly connected to Visa's.

Visa's head of global data security, Eduardo Perez, said the company scaled back its records review because it took too much work and because the PCI standards have improved the industry's security "considerably."

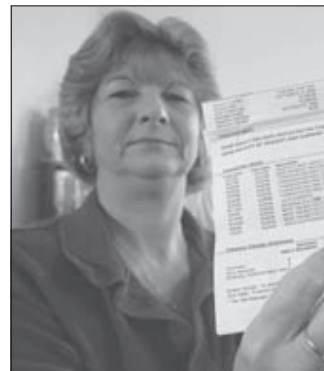
"I think we've made a lot of progress," he said. "While there have been a few large compromises, there are many more compromises we feel we've helped prevent by driving these minimum requirements."

Representatives for MasterCard, American Express, Discover and JCB — which, along with Visa, steer PCI policy — either didn't return messages from the AP or directed questions to the PCI security council.

PCI's general manager, Bob Russo, said inspector certification is "rigorous." Yet he also acknowledged that inconsistent audits are a problem — and that merchants and payment processors who suffered data breaches possibly shouldn't have been PCI-certified.

A key reason PCI exists is that the banks and card brands don't want the government regulating credit card security. These companies also want to be sure transactions keep humming through the system — which is why banks and card companies are willing to put up with some fraud.

"If they did mind, they have immense resources and could really change things," said Ed Skoudis, co-founder of a security consultancy and an instructor with a computer-security training organization. "But they don't want to strangle the goose that laid the golden egg by making it too hard to accept credit cards, because that's bad for everybody."



TOBY TALBOT/AP

Pamela LaMotte holds her disputed credit card bills.

Credit fraud costs users before banks

It took four months for Pamela LaMotte, 46, of Colchester, Vt., to fix the damage after two of her credit card accounts were tapped by hackers in a breach traced to a Hannaford Bros. grocery store.

LaMotte, who was unemployed at the time, says she had to borrow money from her mother and boyfriend to pay \$500 in overdraft and late fees — which were eventually refunded — while the banks investigated.

"Maybe somebody who doesn't live paycheck to paycheck, it wouldn't matter to them too much, but for me it screwed me up in a major way," she said. LaMotte says she pays more by cash and check now.

It all happened at a supermarket chain that met the PCI standards. Someone installed malicious software on Hannaford's servers that snatched customer data while it was being sent to the banks for approval.

— The Associated Press

Chip and PIN approach



The U.S. could try a system like Europe's, where shoppers need a secret PIN code and card with a chip inside to complete purchases. The system, called Chip and PIN, has cut down on fraud there (because it's harder to use counterfeit cards), but transferred it elsewhere — to places like the U.S. that don't have as many safeguards.

In-house inspectors



Banks and credit card companies could start their own PCI inspection arms to make sure the audits are done properly. Banks say they have stepped up oversight of the inspections, doing their own checks of questionable PCI assessment jobs. But taking control of the whole process is far-fetched: nobody wants the liability.

— The Associated Press

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YOUR MONEY

Servicemembers test markets after upturn

Investors getting higher returns with TSP

By ERIK SLAVIN
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Three months ago, some investors bolted from the stock market as the Dow Jones plummeted to its lowest mark in more than a decade.

But investors who sold their positions and kept their money on the sidelines are now poorer for it.

As of mid-June, the Dow is up 26 percent since what turned out to be the current recession's rock-bottom so far — 6,547 on March 9.

Investment professionals warn against attempting to time the market's peaks and valleys. A consistent plan will yield better results for the average investor, they say.

However, actively managing a portfolio can produce better returns.

Master Sgt. Phil Philbee of the 374th Force Support Squadron didn't catch the market's floor — but he came close enough.

"About two months ago, I kind of saw some of the shifting that was happening and I redirected my investments, not totally back over to the aggressive side, but a little bit that way," Philbee said.

During the past year, Philbee pulled out of international funds and individual stocks in favor of more diversified mutual funds and the military's Thrift Savings Plan.

Within the TSP and most retirement plans, investors can adjust the concentrations of their funds to match their comfort with risk.

As a group, servicemembers tend to be conservative investors, according to TSP figures. The plan's G Fund, comprising short-term U.S. government securities, is the default fund.

It also is its most conservative fund and more than twice as popular as the common stock C Fund in terms of total assets.

There is no single answer on when and what to invest in because goals differ, said Michael Spiltener, who coordinates free

financial education classes at Yokosuka Naval Base's Fleet and Family Support Center.

Investors who consistently invest manageable amounts to reach their goals should generally avoid abandoning their plans during recessions, he said.

"Those who stuck to their plans and didn't move their money have been buying cheaper shares," Spiltener said. "Over 20 to 30 years, the market tends to move in their favor."

While recent history has proven many stock market prognosticators wrong, there are several indicators of a looming stock market rally.

Among the many factors, some of the most reliable indicators include positive monthly unemployment figures, a rise in home sales and new construction, and Federal Reserve interest rate cuts.

Positive data for each of those indicators can signal a short-term rally, but without a consistent upward trend, rallies can fall flat.

The latest consumer price

A tale of two funds

Investors in the military's Thrift Savings Plan's common stock C Fund were gaining higher returns than they would have in the risk-averse G Fund — until last year's fall. Over a seven-year period, the G Fund returns a modest gain, while the C Fund lost money. However, the C Fund still has returned higher gains over the long haul.

The G Fund

As of Dec. 31, the G Fund carried \$112.5 billion in net assets. It has earned 6.3 percent since its inception in 1987.

Year	Rollover	Return	End of Year
2002	\$10,000	5%	\$10,500
2003	\$10,500	4.11%	\$10,931.55
2004	\$10,931.55	4.30%	\$11,401.61
2005	\$11,401.61	4.49%	\$11,913.54
2006	\$11,913.54	4.93%	\$12,500.88
2007	\$12,500.88	4.87%	\$13,109.67
2008	\$13,109.67	3.75%	\$13,601.28

The C Fund

As of Dec. 31, the C Fund carried \$50 billion in net assets. It has earned 8.54 percent annually since its inception in 1988.

Year	Rollover	Return	End of Year
2002	\$10,000	-22%	\$7,795
2003	\$7,795	28.54%	\$10,019.69
2004	\$10,019.69	10.82%	\$11,103.82
2005	\$11,103.82	4.96%	\$11,654.57
2006	\$11,654.57	15.79%	\$13,494.83
2007	\$13,494.83	5.54%	\$14,242.44
2008	\$14,242.44	-36.99%	\$8,974.16

Source: Tsp.gov

Stars and Stripes

index result, which tracks price inflation, was scheduled to be announced Wednesday.

A big rise signals inflation and can trigger stock selloffs; a big drop can also drag down the stock market because it can mean lower demand for goods and therefore less revenue for companies.

Despite the uncertainty, some servicemembers took March's bottom as an indicator that the worst is behind them.

Army Capt. Sarah Avitia, a command group administrative officer with the 10th Support Group at Torii Station on Okinawa, and her husband lost more than \$7,000 since the market

began its sustained fall. Avitia owns property and precious metals to go along with more traditional offerings.

She is even evaluating investing in the now-risky U.S. auto industry, despite General Motors' collapse and Fiat's takeover of Chrysler.

"Now is absolutely the time to be investing," Avitia said. "If you put a little bit in and you lose it, big deal, because you got it for cheap and it will only get better."

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MONDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

52-week		Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk High	52-wk Low
High	Low							
12,369.23	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,612.13	-187.13	-2.13	-1.87	-29.81	
5,329.34	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,218.02	-143.40	-4.27	-9.02	-37.63	
528.07	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	350.36	-7.95	-2.22	-5.50	-33.05	
9,209.97	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	5,967.26	-181.35	-2.95	+3.65	-34.34	
2,374.65	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,585.00	-38.00	-2.34	+13.41	-31.51	
2,485.00	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,816.38	-42.42	-2.28	+15.18	-26.60	
1,370.63	666.79	S&P 500	923.72	-22.49	-2.38	+2.27	-32.09	
878.99	397.97	S&P MidCap	581.51	-15.51	-2.60	+8.03	-33.37	
14,009.18	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	9,467.40	-234.03	-2.41	+4.18	-31.98	
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	511.83	-15.00	-2.85	+2.48	-30.90	

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)					AMEX					NASDAQ				
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg		Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg		Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	
BkofAm	3293071	13.33	-39		PSCrudeDL	201750	4.57	-16		PwShs QQQ	1035599	35.90	-75	
SPDR	1994813	92.90	-218		Hemisphxrh	55626	2.73	+06		HuntBnk	816670	4.52	+37	
DirxFinBul	1511954	9.74	-81		NovaGld g	46311	4.76	+13		Microsoft	636823	23.42	+09	
CitiGrp	1340552	3.37	-10		Oilsands g	41770	1.10	-14		Intel	592291	15.98	-33	
DirxFinB	1283622	4.68	+33		CavalierrH	33014	2.71	+48		Oracle	467997	19.36	-55	
SPDR Fnd	921816	12.17	-32		NthgM g	27004	2.10	-12		Oracle	389896	20.22	-63	
GenElec	731347	13.15	-36		Taseko	26523	1.80	-17		CellTher rsh	341887	1.61	+18	
ISHMkt s	712802	32.53	-121		NwGold g	26193	2.51	-27		ETrade	322425	1.81	-16	
FordM	643239	5.93	-18		EldorGld g	25402	8.28	-51		Sequenom	315616	4.81	+19	
US NGSF	620419	15.71	+1.04		GranTrra g	25157	3.44	-07		JazzPhrm	267525	4.56	+192	

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	
Alliant Technosystem	...	20	88.11	-2.56	+2.7	
Boeing	1.68	17	49.52	-1.92	+16.1	
Computer Sciences	...	6	44.26	-7.73	+26.0	
General Dynamics	1.52	9	58.08	-1.68	+9	
General Electric	...	40	13.15	-36	-18.8	
Halliburton	...	36	23.15	-84	+27.3	
Harris Corp.	...	80	13	29.39	-88	-18.4
Allied Signal	1.21	10	33.52	-1.49	+3.3	
L-3 Communications	1.40	10	72.68	-1.72	-1.5	
Lockheed Martin	2.28	11	82.07	-70	-2.4	
Northrop	1.72	...	47.04	-98	+6.0	
Raytheon	1.24	11	45.80	-31	-11.8	
Rockwell Intl.	1.16	11	31.85	-1.59	-1.2	
Texas Instruments	...	44	22	21.13	+34	+36.1
Textron Inc.	...	08	8	10.95	-53	-21.1
United Technologies	1.54	12	54.72	-1.12	+2.1	

Name	NAV	Chg.	YTD %Ret.
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	55.67	-1.25	+13.7
Fidelity Spartan: Edgdxln	32.83	-0.80	+3.6
Fidelity Invest: USBI	10.76	+0.40	+1.6
Fidelity Invest: Dvrsca	26.59	-1.04	+1.4
Fidelity Invest: GroInc	13.39	-3.31	+1.9
Fidelity Invest: AMgr50	12.09	-1.16	+12.2
Amer Century Inv: Ultra	15.87	+3.56	+9.8
Putnam Funds A: GrnA p	9.83	-2.4	+5.7
AM Investments A: SMCpA	12.81
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Frank/Trent Frnk A: ChartGrA	24.40	-56	+15.3
DWS Invest S: GroIncS	11.71	-30	+7.3
Fidelity Advisor T: EgnT	11.29	-49	+2.4
Fidelity Advisor T: GroGrpT	27.35	-156	+10.3
DWS Invest S: Intd Fds	32.43	-5.56	+8.7
DWS Invest S: Intd Fds	32.43	-5.56	+8.7

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NAV	Chg.	YTD %Ret.
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	55.67	-1.25	+13.7
Fidelity Spartan: EqlDxnv	32.83	-80	+3.6
Fidelity Invest: USBI	10.76	+04	+1.6
Fidelity Invest: Ovrsea	26.59	-104	+4.4
Fidelity Invest: GroInc	13.39	-31	+1.9
Fidelity Invest: AMGr50	12.09	-16	+12.2
Amer Century Inv: Ultra	15.87	-36	+9.8
Putnam Funds A: GRNA p	9.83	-24	+5.7
AIM Investments A: CharTa p	12.81	...	NA
AIM Investments A: Const p	17.53	...	NA
Frank/Temp Frnk A: SMCpGrA	23.40	-56	+15.3
DWS Invest S: GroIncS	11.71	-30	+7.3
Fidelity Advisor T: EqlHt	17.29	-49	+2.4
Fidelity Advisor T: GrOpPT	22.33	-56	+17.3
DWS Invest S: Intl Fds	37.45	-156	+8.0
Putnam Funds A: GldEqty p	6.88	-20	+8.0
Lord Abbett A: DevGIA p	12.77	-31	+20.4
Fidelity Advisor T: OvrseaT	13.92	-52	+3.6
DWS Invest S: CorPstnc	9.82	+02	+3.3

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (June 17)	96.00
South Korean won (June 17)	1,231.00
Euro costs (June 17)	\$1.4259
Dollar buys (June 17)	€ 0.7013
British pound (June 17)	\$1.70

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.6379
Canada (Dollar)	1.1304
China (Yuan)	6.8350
Denmark (Krone)	5.3735
Egypt (Pound)	16.501
Euro	\$1.3860/7215
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7504
Hungary (Forint)	202.35
Israel (Shekel)	3.9347
Japan (Yen)	96.84
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2887
Norway (Krone)	6.4281
Philippines (Peso)	48.19
Poland (Zloty)	3.26
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7504
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4582
South Korea (Won)	1,251.80
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0877
Thailand (Baht)	34.10
Turkey (New Lira)	1.5457

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold	\$926.90
Silver	\$14.020

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.15
30-year bond	4.57

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press



GRANT T. OKUBO/Stars and Stripes

Master Sgt. Phil Philbee withdraws cash out of the Community Bank ATM at Yokota Air Base on Monday. Seeking higher returns, Philbee added more risk to his investment portfolio as the stock market rebounded from its March low.

Asylum seekers find refuge

The Associated Press

KOROR, Palau — The newcomers on this tiny Pacific nation are young and in limbo, scared that they'll be arrested if they're sent back to their native land. Most speak no English, but they say they're astounded by the generosity of Palau and its people.

They are not the Chinese Muslims from Guantanamo who made world news last week when Palau's president said the country would take them. Instead, they are 11 asylum seekers from Myanmar — and they may offer the best idea what the freed detainees' new lives might be.

"They didn't know us," Aye Aye Thant, 34, the group's sole fluent English speaker and de facto spokeswoman, said Sunday. "We are not workers, and we don't serve their country. But we are treated as their own siblings."

Fearing arrest for their political activities, the 10 men and one woman fled military-run Myanmar to

Malaysia and then to the Philippines, always moving on because they thought the countries might deport them. They had never heard of Palau, but friends suggested it. It also offered an attractive feature — visa-free entry.

They arrived in late February, and Palau has mobilized to protect them.

Once their money ran out, the local Roman Catholic church offered to house and feed them. On Monday, a senator — the president's younger brother — will take over, letting them stay at his farmhouse as they await word on their application for asylum.

"It's our age-old tradition to receive those in need whenever they somehow arrive on our shores," President Johnson Toribiong said in an interview with The Associated Press on Saturday. He said that idea is behind the decision to accept the Chinese Muslims, known as Uighurs, and rejected criticism that the move is somehow tied to U.S. aid.



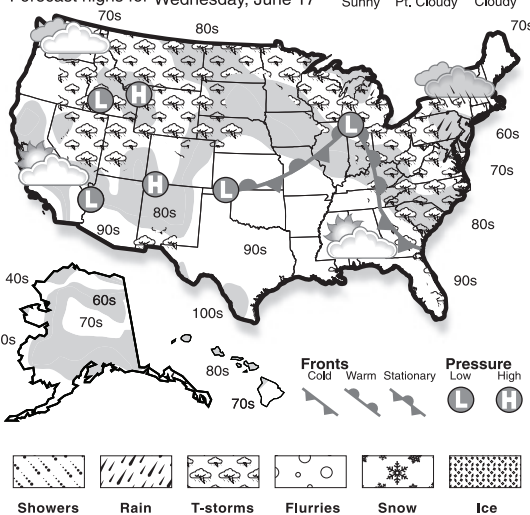
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Roman Catholic priest Rusk Saburo, center, speaks as Myanmar Buddhist monks Agga Na Na, left, and Pyinna Nanda listen during a meeting on Sunday. A group of 11 asylum seekers fled their homes in Myanmar to Palau.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, June 17



Storm Lifts Into Upper Great Lakes

Stormy weather is expected from the Great Lakes to the Mid-Atlantic as a storm system and front stretch from the Great Lakes through the Southeast. Moisture and energetic impulses over the West will spur mountain storms across the Great Basin.

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Yesterday's global temperatures

City Hi Lo Weather	La Paz, 52 19 pc
Amsterdam, 67 54 pc	Lima, 70 62 cdy
Athens, 82 60 clr	Lisbon, 89 66 rn
Auckland, 59 51 rn	London, 76 57 pc
Baghdad, 109 82 clr	Madrid, 92 66 rn
Basra, 117 88 clr	Managua, 86 73 rn
Bahrain, 104 93 clr	Manila, 86 78 rn
Bangkok, 94 75 rn	Mecca, 111 92 clr
Barbados, 88 77 rn	Melbourne, 57 36 clr
Barcelona, 83 69 clr	Mexico City, 78 53 rn
Beijing, 86 66 clr	Montevideo, 63 44 cdy
Beirut, 85 70 clr	Montreal, 73 57 rn
Belgrade, 89 57 clr	Moscow, 69 50 pc
Berlin, 69 57 rn	Nairobi, 75 59 pc
Bermuda, 81 75 rn	Nassau, 89 78 rn
Bogota, 69 48 pc	New Delhi, 98 82 rn
Brasilia, 80 57 pc	Nice, 76 66 clr
Brisbane, 72 52 rn	Osaka, 86 62 clr
Brussels, 63 53 rn	Oslo, 60 47 cdy
Bucharest, 84 46 clr	Panama, 87 77 rn
Budapest, 82 57 pc	Paris, 68 57 rn
Buenos Aires, 61 48 pc	Perth, 70 43 clr
Cairo, 93 77 pc	Prague, 76 55 rn
Calgary, 78 55 pc	Rio de Janeiro, 71 60 clr
Caracas, 88 78 pc	Rome, 89 68 clr
Colombo, 86 75 rn	San Jose, 79 63 rn
Copenhagen, 64 49 clr	San Juan, 88 77 clr
Dhahran, 113 87 clr	San Salvador, 84 68 pc
Dhaka, 91 82 cdy	Santiago, 53 42 pc
Dili, 90 66 clr	Sao Paulo, 66 51 pc
Dubai, 104 87 clr	Sapporo, 62 53 rn
Dublin, 64 43 pc	Seoul, 78 60 clr
Frankfurt, 70 55 rn	Singapore, 91 79 rn
Geneva, 83 62 rn	Sofia, 86 48 clr
Guatemala, 78 62 rn	Stockholm, 53 44 rn
Hanoi, 93 77 rn	Sydney, 64 45 clr
Harare, 71 51 pc	Taipei, 86 75 rn
Havana, 91 69 rn	Tegucigalpa, 83 35 rn
Helsinki, 51 47 rn	Tehran, 91 73 clr
Hong Kong, 87 80 pc	Tel Aviv, 87 68 pc
Islamabad, 94 77 rn	Tokyo, 71 64 rn
Istanbul, 82 60 clr	Turin, 82 66 pc
Jakarta, 89 75 pc	Toronto, 72 58 clr
Jerusalem, 87 68 pc	Tunis, 91 66 clr
Johannesburg, 69 48 clr	Valletta, 85 64 clr
Kabul, 77 55 rn	Vancouver, 71 53 pc
Kiev, 70 50 pc	Vienna, 81 63 rn
Kuala Lumpur, 93 75 rn	Warsaw, 74 55 clr
Kuwait, 109 91 pc	Zurich, 72 62 rn

THURSDAY'S FORECAST



Air Force Weather/www.afweather.af.mil

Yesterday's U.S. temperatures

City Hi Lo Precip Weather	Casper 72 46 cdy	Erie 73 50 cdy	Jacksonville 94 75 cdy	Montgomery 98 72 clr	Richmond 80 66 .19 cdy	Spokane 78 54 .24 cdy
Abilene, Tex. 97 77 clr	Charleston, S.C. 90 71 .35 cdy	Eugene 77 50 cdy	Juneau 56 50 .20 rn	Nashville 84 68 .30 cdy	Roanoke 79 68 .31 rn	Springfield, Ill. 78 68 .42 rn
Akron, Ohio 79 53 cdy	Charleston, W.Va. 83 65 cdy	Evansville 78 71 .25 rn	Kansas City 85 66 .14 cdy	New Orleans 94 76 clr	Rochester 73 51 clr	Springfield, Mo. 87 61 .60 cdy
Albany, N.Y. 74 53 .48 cdy	Charlotte, N.C. 86 71 rn	Fairbanks 74 53 cdy	Key West 89 79 .24 cdy	New York City 72 56 .26 cdy	Rockford 80 61 cdy	Syracuse 74 50 .16 clr
Albuquerque 87 58 clr	Chattanooga 89 69 cdy	Fargo 82 62 rn	Knoxville 82 66 rn	Newark 72 60 .29 cdy	Sacramento 81 56 cdy	Tallahassee 97 74 cdy
Allentown, Pa. 76 58 .28 cdy	Cheyenne 71 46 .04 cdy	Flagstaff 69 45 cdy	Lake Charles 91 77 clr	Norfolk, Va. 76 66 .01 cdy	St. Louis 77 68 .306 rn	Tampa 92 78 cdy
Amarillo 95 60 cdy	Chicago 81 59 cdy	Flint 77 51 cdy	Lansing 79 54 cdy	North Platte 79 49 .16 cdy	St. Petersburg 90 81 cdy	Toledo 80 53 cdy
Anchorage 64 49 cdy	Cincinnati 80 67 .23 rn	Fort Smith 92 74 clr	Las Vegas 90 76 cdy	Omaha 78 65 .06 cdy	St. Thomas 87 76 .27 rn	Topeka 89 66 .192 cdy
Asheville 82 63 .34 rn	Cleveland 76 55 cdy	Fort Wayne 80 60 cdy	Lexington 79 67 .38 rn	Orlando 93 73 cdy	Salem, Ore. 77 53 cdy	Tucson 95 64 clr
Atlanta 87 70 cdy	Colorado Springs 74 48 cdy	Fresno 81 61 cdy	Little Rock 93 76 cdy	Paducah 78 68 .37 rn	Salt Lake City 74 53 cdy	Tulsa 94 77 .01 cdy
Atlantic City 74 60 .11 cdy	Columbia, S.C. 92 72 cdy	Goodland 82 52 .02 cdy	Los Angeles 75 62 cdy	Pennsylvania 81 54 cdy	San Angelo 100 78 cdy	Tupelo 91 67 cdy
Austin 99 77 cdy	Columbus, Ga. 91 70 .01 cdy	Grand Junction 83 54 .01 cdy	Louisville 81 68 .89 rn	Peoria 78 66 .01 rn	San Antonio 102 76 cdy	Waco 100 77 cdy
Baltimore 81 64 cdy	Columbus, Ohio 82 62 cdy	Grand Rapids 82 56 cdy	Lubbock 100 69 cdy	Philadelphia 78 61 .13 cdy	San Diego 72 64 .02 cdy	Washington, D.C. 82 69 cdy
Baton Rouge 94 74 clr	Concord, N.H. 62 53 .15 cdy	Great Falls 73 54 .18 rn	Macon 92 73 .01 cdy	Phoenix 97 75 cdy	San Francisco 66 58 cdy	W. Palm Beach 92 75 .143 cdy
Billings 73 56 .13 rn	Corpus Christi 97 78 cdy	Green Bay 77 78 cdy	Madison 80 57 rn	Pittsburgh 81 57 cdy	San Jose 69 59 cdy	Wichita 94 65 .145 cdy
Birmingham 91 68 .46 clr	Dallas-Ft. Worth 96 76 cdy	Greensboro, N.C. 82 65 .142 rn	Medford 79 55 cdy	Pocatello 69 46 .03 cdy	San Juan, P.R. 88 77 .11 rn	Wichita Falls 94 75 cdy
Bismarck 77 56 .20 rn	Dayton 80 62 rn	Harrisburg 81 63 cdy	Memphis 91 71 cdy	Portland, Ore. 78 58 cdy	Santa Fe 82 45 clr	Wilkes-Barre 76 53 .03 cdy
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

Support our medics, corpsmen

To the spouses and others who love our medics and corpsmen: It is June and many of you have just gotten married, or soon will. Many of our medics are new fathers, and many are now deployed, or will be downrange by Father's Day. Medics and corpsmen have one of the toughest, most dangerous, and noblest jobs in the world. They are the bravest of the brave, in the finest military the world has ever known. And they are better trained than ever: Their performance is the most important reason why we lose only 11 percent of our wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan versus 23 percent in Vietnam, despite the much more powerful munitions of today's conflicts. And they are critical to our training of medics in Afghanistan, and to winning hearts and minds among civilians there, and in dozens of countries where U.S. health diplomacy is being used to prevent crisis from becoming conflict.

They are "strong to save," but they are often exhausted, often injured, and almost always under stress. Most are young, from single-parent homes. Few were the teacher's pet in school. Some have made mistakes before they enlisted, and a few have made mistakes since, which has contributed to post-traumatic stress disorder in some of them, putting them at risk of suicide.

Some things we know for certain: Suicide and other mistakes are often triggered by a breakup. So if they ever needed anyone, they need you now. You — and the military — are all that some of them have. So even as you hurry to marry before he or she deploys, commit that you will not leave your medic stranded. Let the wedding bells tell them they are part of a community in which they have a future, a future in which you, and we, will help him be the soldier or sailor — the healer, the leader — he hopes to be. Then, when people ask, "Where do we get such men and women?" you can answer, "From me."

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*When the night has come
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*No I won't be afraid, no I won't be afraid
Just as long as you stand, stand by me*

Dr. (Col.) S. Ward Casscells

Washington

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See substance in others' style

In response to "Imprint nothing to be proud of" (letter, June 15): I'm 21. I love skulls. I love fire. I love horror movies, and listen to Slipknot. Halloween is the best holiday ever. I will only wear black until they make something darker. I have piercings, and soon will get tattoos bearing religious illustrations of my religion of choice.

These quirks don't exist because I want to look "cool"; they're in my life because I

agree with them, believe in them and prefer them. And guess what? I'm not evil. I help people as much as possible. I respect my elders. I donate blood. I am an emergency medical technician.

If you can't read the sarcasm, that's because there isn't any. I am so sick of stereotypes. Is this still high school, or what? News flash, people: A person's image, lifestyle, religion and cultural tastes have no guaranteed bearing on his or her purity, temperament, character or intelligence. To follow the stereotypes and assume this is so only keeps the ignorance in motion.

The letter writer asks: "Is this what America has come to stand for?" He also asks: "[I]f this was your example of freedom and democracy, would you embrace it?" My answer to both is yes. Why? Because it's giving people the freedom and the opportunity to become individuals; to stop following the herd and pave their own path; to express themselves and become themselves without retribution. Only if their particular tastes and practices harm others should they be limited. (But, of course, this is a stipulation Americans live by to begin with, right? And we've survived fairly harmoniously under this condition.)

Whether it is in Iraq or America, I don't think it's the "youth" or "future" that are causing, or are going to cause, problems. I think it's the members of older generations who are having trouble accepting anything out of the norm, anything that doesn't seem sweet and innocent and ankle-length.

They say that youths are disrespectful; that's probably because we're so tired of being criticized. So many generations have fought and pushed for our freedom and choices, yet if our choices don't fall within what Mommy and Daddy personally consider "acceptable," hissy fits are thrown. Well then, forgive us for putting on way too much black eyeliner; we seem to have forgotten that it means we should make a live sacrifice ... (sarcasm included).

Cailee Dziamski

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Strive to achieve Bernanke 'balance'

Los Angeles Times editorial

The economy has shown sparks of life lately. ... Amid the encouraging readings, though, there are rumblings of bigger problems to come — problems exacerbated by Washington's response to the recession. Noting the rapid debt increases caused by budget deficits, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke warned the House Budget Committee that the country needs to "begin planning now for the restoration of fiscal balance" if it hopes to maintain the confidence of financial markets.

It makes sense to try to stimulate the economy with deficit spending during a downturn. ... The question today, though, is whether it's time for the feds to shift their focus from stimulus to restraint. At

the very least, the administration and Congress should be laying the groundwork for the change in approach. But the steps they took last week ... just aren't credible.

The House Appropriations Committee released its spending road map for the fiscal year that starts in October, calling for a 7.4 percent increase over fiscal 2009 — or more, if the full cost of the war effort is included. Defenders say the real problem isn't in the discretionary programs controlled by the appropriators but in entitlements and war-related expenses. But fiscal discipline means making choices about the smaller stuff too. The same day, President Barack Obama called on Congress to pass "pay-go" legislation that would require tax cuts or entitlement increases to be off-

set by tax increases or entitlement cuts. A true pay-go rule might help curb the worst instincts of lawmakers, but the one Obama backed is so riddled with exceptions, it's practically worthless. ...

The risk posed by the growing debt load isn't that the United States will default, but that its lenders will lose confidence in its ability to repay. ... Recent comments by Chinese, Japanese and Russian officials hint at a growing global unease about Washington's ability to get its fiscal house in order. This is a long-term problem; in the near term, there's the danger that excessive and prolonged stimulus will lead to another economic bubble. ... For all these reasons, Washington needs to heed Bernanke's warning.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

TARP might not cover Obama's maneuvers

BY CHARLES LANE
The Washington Post

Nationalizing General Motors, and part of Chrysler, may or may not turn out to be a good deal for the taxpayers. I have a different concern, though: Was it constitutional?

With hundreds of thousands of jobs on the line, this may seem a churlish question. Then again, the temptation to bend the rules of democracy is always greatest in a crisis. It wasn't so long ago that a president claimed the power to do questionable things ... because the country faced a crisis.

Bailing out Detroit is not in the same category. ... Still, a presidential decision to federalize a vast sector of the U.S. economy affects the country's vital interests and, potentially, the rights of its citizens. Such an extraordinary measure should rest on the firmest possible foundation of democratic legitimacy. Does President Barack Obama's rescue of GM and Chrysler meet the test?

The classic statement on such matters comes from Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson's opinion in a case about another crisis-driven assertion of executive power: President Harry Truman's seizure of steel mills in 1952. Truman wanted to prevent a strike during the Korean War; the court blocked him. In Jackson's analysis, the president's power is at its "maximum" when he "acts pursuant to an express or implied authorization of Congress." The

Obama administration argues that it has such authority today, under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of Oct. 3. This law established the \$700 billion Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP), the source of the \$30 billion the administration pumped into GM as well as the \$8 billion it has committed to Chrysler.

The only problem is that the law doesn't give "express" authority to buy a car company. At the time Congress approved TARP — grudgingly — everyone assumed it was to buy up Wall Street's toxic mortgage-backed securities, which are the only class of assets named in the law. (The law did contemplate other, unspecified asset purchases.) The statute says that "financial institutions" — defined as banks, savings associations, credit unions, security broker-dealers and insurance companies — can get aid.

What about "implicit" authority? The law says its definition of financial institutions is "not limited to" banks. The Obama administration emphasized this point to the Supreme Court in a memorandum defending its actions against Indiana pension funds that hold Chrysler bonds. And GM and Chrysler do finance dealer inventories and consumer purchases, a bank-like function.

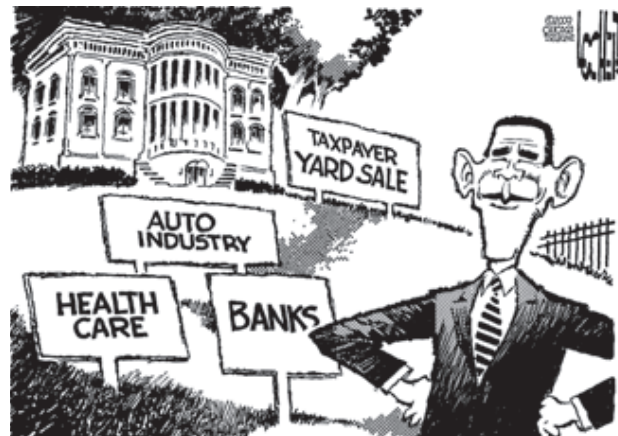
But if Congress meant TARP for the auto companies, then why did it leave them off the law's list of "financial institutions"? Why did it spend much of December trying — and failing — to pass a

separate auto bailout? In its court filing, the Obama administration insists that Treasury's interpretation of the law's "ambiguous" definition is "entitled to judicial deference." In other words, if Treasury wants to call a car company a bank for the sake of the economy, the courts should let it.

Yes, the law's purpose was to "restore liquidity and stability to the financial system of the United States," and saving GM and Chrysler might do that. But the administration comes dangerously close to reading "by any means necessary" into the law.

So were the Indiana pension funds right? Not quite. It's true that, according to Jackson, executive power is "at its lowest ebb" when the president's action is "incompatible with the expressed or implied will of Congress." But, even if the GM-Chrysler deal doesn't fit the language of the law, it's not necessarily "incompatible" with Congress' will.

Indeed, when the auto companies began collapsing in December, Democratic leaders in Congress urged the Bush administration to save them with TARP money. Though they duly buttressed this demand with a legal opinion from none other than the acting comptroller general, basically it was opportunistic: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi preferred to use TARP rather than the Bush administration's choice: previously authorized energy-efficiency loans. Still, with its proposal going nowhere in Congress,



a presidential transition at hand and Detroit tanking, the Bush administration relented; it released \$17.4 billion from TARP loans to GM and Chrysler. This set a precedent for Obama, which the Democratic Congress has cheerfully allowed to stand.

A political veteran as well as a constitutional scholar, Jackson anticipated situations like this. He described "a zone of twilight" in which "the President acts in absence of either a congressional grant or denial of authority" because "congressional inertia, indifference or quiescence may sometimes, at least, as a practical matter, enable, if not invite, measures on independent presidential responsibility." In other words, sometimes the president can

get away with stretching his authority because Congress would rather not be held accountable for formally defining it.

The GM-Chrysler deals appear to be such an instance. But the constitutional ambiguity surrounding this use of TARP may prove tolerable only as long as the policy itself is. If GM and Chrysler start gobbling up even more funds — or if additional nonfinancial companies get bailouts — more Americans might question the president's power to select certain firms for federal rescue. Fortunately, the TARP statute expires at the end of this year. Let's hope the next version is a little less open to interpretation.

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If 'zombie' Gingrich takes reins, GOP could be dead

BY MARC COOPER

At this point in the recession, you've probably become familiar with the term "zombie bank," a financial institution that can continue operating, thanks to government support, even though its debts outweigh its assets. Now it's time to add a related descriptor to our public discourse: "zombie politician." The term describes a political figure whose electoral worth is less than zero and whose ideas are bankrupt, but who can continue to offer political guidance because he's kept on life-support by media-generated oxygen.

Or if you prefer a shorter definition of a zombie pol, try this one: Newt Gingrich.

Gingrich's political career flat-lined a decade ago when he resigned as speaker of the House under a cloud of dishonor, disgrace and corruption. Yet the dead man again walks among us. Flip on a cable news show, a Sunday talkfest or C-SPAN, or crack open a major newspaper, and Gingrich is seemingly everywhere, positioned as no less than the leading opposition figure to President Barack Obama.

Strange, because the Republican Party certainly didn't elect him to this position. Indeed, some of today's top GOP leaders — among them Sen. Lindsey Graham and House Minority Leader John Boehner — were among the Republicans whose disillusionment with Gingrich ... in fall 1998 left him little choice but to resign his post.

That's right. Gingrich was swept off the scene not by Democrats but by the very same GOP he now would love to lead. By overplaying the Monica Lewinsky scandal, Gingrich so mismanaged the political moment that his party actually lost five House seats in the 1998 election — the worst mid-

term outcome in nearly a century for a party not holding the White House. This catastrophe came in the wake of a tsunami of national disgust after Gingrich effectively shut down the federal government in a budget dispute, telling reporters that he was playing hardball with President Bill Clinton in part because of having been "snubbed" on Air Force One, where he was assigned a seat at the rear of the plane.

Gingrich had to pay a \$300,000 fine after his colleagues in the House voted to reprimand him for ethics violations. And then there was the small matter of the congressman's \$4.5 million book advance from Rupert Murdoch, whose corporation had several pieces of business pending before the House over which Gingrich presided.

As speaker, he railed against Clinton's immoral behavior, but then it became pub-

lic that Gingrich had handed his wife a divorce ultimatum in 1981 while she was in the hospital recovering from cancer surgery (an illness Gingrich shamelessly exploited during his 1978 House campaign). Published reports at the time said his ex-wife had to depend on church donations because Gingrich wouldn't provide adequate support for her and his daughters.

Six months after that first divorce, he remarried, until an affair he was having with an aide 23 years his junior led to another divorce. Gingrich was carrying on with his aide, he later confessed, at the same time he was pushing for Clinton's impeachment.

After his forced resignation in November 1998, Gingrich disappeared into a little-noticed think tank he founded for himself. But now, like the living dead, he is back. And his deeply polarizing and frank-

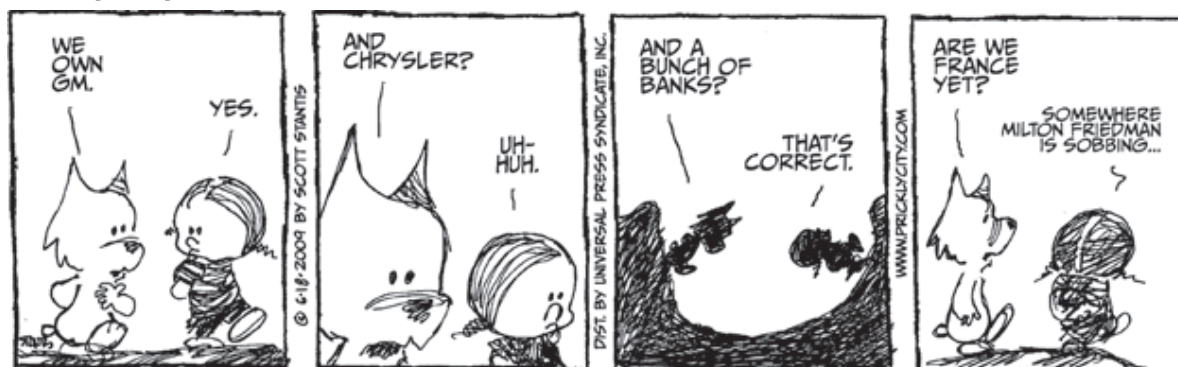
ly fringe rhetoric is unchanged. ...

The good news: Gingrich is never again, I'd bet cash money, going to hold elected national office. He is a dead man talking. The bad news (at least for Republicans): He's acting like he's already been elected.

It's not really surprising that the leadership vacuum in the ... Republican Party should be filled so quickly by a professional blowhard such as Gingrich. Pompous self-promotion is his specialty — even in his political afterlife. Nor can we really blame the media for his untimely resurrection. Which news director in his or her right mind wouldn't focus the cameras on a walking, talking zombie? What a show!

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Prickly City



BY SCOTT STANTIS

Truck driver dies in fiery freeway crash

CA LONG BEACH — A tanker truck hauling 8,000 gallons of ethanol crashed on a highway, exploding into an inferno that sent a river of flame into storm drains, officials said. The driver was killed.

The truck crashed when it hit the side rail of eastbound State Route 91 at the transition to Interstate 710, the Long Beach Fire Department said in a statement.

Witnesses said the heat was so intense it melted guardrails and all that remained of the truck were its axles and small portions of the cab.

A stream of fire flowing from the tanker into a storm drain caused plumes of flame to spew 20 feet in the air from other storm drains.

1929 Roadster flips, kills one after car show

TX CONROE — The rollover of a 1929 open-top Ford Roadster left one person dead and three others hurt in Conroe.

Police identified the driver who died as Daredeth Perry Ward, 45. Autopsy results were pending.

Conroe police say the accident happened after Ward, two of her relatives and a friend were leaving a car show. The Conroe Courier reports police believe the antique car accelerated, exceeding the 40 mph speed limit, before flipping and ejecting all four occupants.

Teen wakes to find unwelcome snake visitor

NY NEW YORK — Call it a rude awakening — and a scary one at that.

Kareem Lewis, a New York City teen, woke up in his family's first-floor apartment in the Bronx and came face-to-face with a 3-foot-long boa constrictor.

Lewis called authorities and kept the snake inside a pillow case until animal control officials came to the scene.

County officials approve plan for Islamic academy

VA FAIRFAX — Northern Virginia planning officials have approved a proposal to expand an Islamic school with close ties to the Saudi government.

The Islamic Saudi Academy is looking to expand its Popes Head Road campus in Fairfax, which could allow about 200 new students on the 34-acre site.

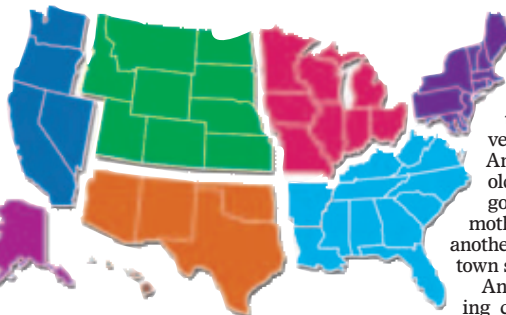
The Fairfax County Planning Commission received numerous e-mails and letters on the issue. Several residents in the area expressed concerns about potential traffic problems.

Others pointed to controversies surrounding the school, such as allegations that its textbooks promoted intolerance. The school has said it revised the textbooks.

County supervisors have the final say on whether the expansion will go forward.

Ad has all the poop on Columbus Zoo ranking

OH COLUMBUS — An Ohio zoo is celebrating a No. 1



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

ranking with a new commercial all about getting rid of "No. 2" — the other kind.

A cast including Columbus Zoo celebrity zookeeper Jack Hanna shovels and sweeps animal waste to lyrics such as "Lots of scoopin' all their poopin'" and "No more No. 2."

It's the zoo's way of promoting its designation as the country's top zoo by USA Travel Guide.

The Columbus Zoo is more accustomed to being rated the No. 2 zoo after San Diego's.

WWII-era ship exhibit reopens after Ike

TX GALVESTON — The USS Stewart military exhibit at Seawolf Park in Galveston has reopened nine months after Hurricane Ike.

The World War II destroyer escort was damaged during the Sept. 13 storm.

Seawolf Park's memorial exhibits also include the USS Cavalla submarine.

Scared ducklings saved from sewer

NY SMITHTOWN, — A couple of ducklings have been plucked from a Long Island sewer drain, where the baby birds

got stuck after running scared from an animal.

The Suffolk County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says the 3-week-old ducklings apparently got separated from their mother as they fled a cat or another creature on a Smithtown street.

An SPCA agent is taking care of the ducklings. They will be released into the wild once they can look after themselves.

Power company plans to expand wind farm

IL BLOOMINGTON — A Texas company wants to more than double the size of a central Illinois wind farm and hopes to start work on the project next year.

Horizon Wind Energy already has 240 turbines in its Twin Groves Wind Farm, near Bloomington.

The Houston-based company says those turbines can generate enough power for about 120,000 homes.

The expansion would add about 250 more turbines in the same area.

The company is planning a series of meetings this week so landowners and others can hear details about the project.

Horizon plans to ask McLean County for a permit this summer to start building.

Possible ethanol problem investigated

VA RICHMOND — State officials are investigating complaints from southeast Virginia residents who have reported car problems that they suspect have been caused by excessive ethanol levels in gasoline.

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has received more than 150 complaints, prompting officials to investigate gas stations in Isle of Wight, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Suffolk.

Spokeswoman Elaine Lidholm says the agency will inspect stations listed in the complaints in an attempt to track down the source of the bad gasoline.

Ethanol is blended with gas at terminals before it's distributed. Most car engines are equipped to handle fuel that's no more than 10 percent ethanol.

Endangered bird was shot, biologists say

NH MOULTONBOROUGH — Biologists examining a loon that died from a fight with another loon found that it also had been shot three times in the head with a pellet gun.

The dead loon was found on Meredith Bay in April, The Citizen reported.

Loons are protected under the Endangered Species Conservation Act and shooting a loon is a misdemeanor that carries a fine of up to \$1,200.

Two loons rescued last year also had pellet shot wounds.

Both survived their injuries and were released in Maine, though one later died.

The other loon will be permanently unable to fly.



Idol wannabes

"American Idol" hopeful Katelyn Streiber, 19, center, huddles with her sisters Stacey Descheneaux, 27, left, and Nicole Descheneaux, 23, all of Ellington, Conn., as they wait in line for auditions to begin at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass. "American Idol" is kicking off Season Nine auditions in Foxborough. Katelyn's sisters did not audition.



Big band sound

Members of the Carolina Crown drum and bugle corps point the bells of their instruments upward during their rehearsal at Nation Ford High School in Fort Mills, S.C. The 150-member world class competitive marching unit based in Fort Mills tours several weeks during the summer. This group of high school and college students primarily comes from the Carolinas, but members also come from 23 other states and Europe and Asia.



Puerto Rican pride

Sylvia Martinez, of the Bronx, shows her pride during the Puerto Rican Day Parade in New York.



Any which way but up

The Red Bull trick chopper does stunts at the Red Bull Air Race World Championship on the Detroit River in Detroit.



Vets in regalia pay tribute

Lincoln DeMarrias, center, of the Sisseton Wahpeton Vietnam Veterans Association of South Dakota, marches with other groups, including several veterans from the White Earth

Reservation, who served in a color guard at a veterans event in St. Paul, Minn.



Feline invasion

Sir Purrs-a-Lot the cat walks through his owner's garden railway in Loveland, Colo.

Ed Frey and other members of the Northern Colorado Garden Railroaders opened their yards to railroad enthusiasts to get a glimpse of their model railroads.



Furry friend or a hat?

Sporting an animal hat, wagon train driver George Davis prepares for a journey over the Sierra Nevada pass. Each June for the past 60 years, caravans have taken the six-day, 90-mile ride to experience a taste of the Old West.

Father, son pastors get prison for church theft

CA SANTA ANA — A father and son, both pastors, have been sentenced to two years in state prison for stealing \$3.1 million from their Orange County church.

Prosecutors say 76-year-old Richard Cunningham of Moreno Valley and his son, 52-year-old Philip Cunningham, of Laurinburg, N.C., pleaded guilty to felony grand theft and fraud charges. Philip Cunningham also pleaded guilty to forgery.

Over five years, prosecutors say the Cunninghams stole from Calvary Baptist Yorba Linda Church and School bank accounts and used the money to buy time shares in Hawaii and Palm Springs, golf club memberships and a Cadillac.

Prosecutors say the men have paid \$3.1 million in restitution to the church.

Cabbie transforms backseat into art studio

NY NEW YORK — New York City taxi driver Fabio Peralta has turned the backseat of his yellow cab into an art studio.

When a passenger hops in, Peralta hands the rider a pen and a stack of computer paper.

He tells his fares to draw anything they want.

Some passengers initially hesitate. But so far the Dominican Republic native has collected 7,000 sketches. Works include depictions of a hummingbird, mountain cabin scenes, and President Barack Obama, and some X-rated images.

Other passengers use the paper he supplies to write personal confessions, which Peralta says he doesn't read.

New citizens welcomed in old-fashioned city

VA WILLIAMSBURG — One hundred people became new American citizens in a ceremony that also showed off the country's roots.

The naturalization ceremony took place at the Capitol Building in Colonial Williamsburg, the non-profit foundation that operates the town-sized living museum dedicated to Virginia's 18th-century capital.

During the ceremony, the foundation's fife and drum corps performed, and patriotic songs were sung.

Davison Douglas, incoming dean at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary, was the featured speaker.

Several teens injured in van crash in Cascades

WA BLEWETT PASS — The Washington State Patrol said a van carrying 12 members of a youth group and a driver has crashed on Blewett Pass in the Cascade Range, injuring several people.

Trooper Dave Phelps said the van was carrying members of the Northwest Youth Corps, a youth development and outdoor education organization based in Eugene, Ore.

Phelps said they were headed north on U.S. 97 to do trail maintenance work in the Twisp area of north-central Washington when

the van veered off the road and rolled down an embankment.

Phelps said the teens, who range in age from 16 to 19, and the driver were taken to a hospital. He said five or six were treated for minor injuries and released.

Hawaii Capitol upgrading state seals and mosaic

HI HONOLULU — The Hawaii Capitol's giant bronze state seals are being cleaned and its artful mosaic is being renovated as part of a \$1.7 million makeover that's expected to be completed before the state marks its 50th anniversary of statehood Aug. 21.

The partially aesthetic upgrades were planned several years ago when the economy was booming, but at least one group sees them as wasteful now that the economy has gone south.

"The private sector is laying off employees and the public sector is now looking at these furloughs. Is that really a good way to spend [money] in this current economic climate? I would say that it's not," said Jamie Story, head of the free market advocacy group Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

But a state official said the timing of the Capitol renovations is driven by nonaesthetic reasons.

Dog reunited with owner after 51 days on the run

ME DIXFIELD — A Sumner woman is giving thanks to an 11-year-old boy who found her beloved Shetland sheepdog that went missing in the Maine woods for 51 days.

Tina Hicks met with Zachary Brown of Dixfield, who found the dog, Max, this month.

Max went missing in mid-April after chewing through a rope at the home of Hicks' daughter, who was dog-sitting while Hicks was on vacation.

The Sun Journal of Lewiston said several Dixfield residents were on the lookout for Max, but he eluded capture until Zach and his mother spotted him at a feed bowl they'd left out for him.

When Max saw Zach and his mom, he bolted into a nearby road, where he was hit by a truck. Max suffered a fractured pelvis, a punctured lung and other injuries but is expected to make a full recovery.

Woman set on fire at Houston apartment

TX HOUSTON — Police say a woman suffered burns after being doused with a flammable liquid and set on fire as she answered the door at her Houston apartment.

Police sought witnesses or others who know the woman, who was transported to a hospital. Her name and details on her condition were not immediately released.

Houston police did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press for further comment.

Senior arson investigator P. Aranda said the fire, in the front doorway of the apartment, does not appear to have been an accident.

Witness Alejandra Chavira, who called 911, says she saw the victim running and the woman was on fire "from head to toe."

Neighbors helped roll her on the ground to put out the fire.



A chilly start

Competitors plunge into the San Francisco Bay's chilly waters at the start of the Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon. More than 2,000 participants braved 59-degree waters for a 1½-mile swim to shore before biking 18 miles and finishing the event with an eight-mile footrace.

Horoscope

Though the day starts on a waning, listless note while the moon is void of course, productivity will kick in strong as the moon moves into Taurus this morning. Once the mission is clear, get to work. You may have to collect a few "no's" in order to get to "yes." Respect goes to those who persevere when the going isn't easy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 18).

You refocus your vision this year and head in a direction that will truly satisfy your heart. The next five weeks offer an opportunity to take on a responsibility that will teach and mold you. You'll be lavished in attention in August. There's an important challenge in October. New friends rally behind you, cheering you on to victory. Cancer and Pisces adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be grateful for some of the more unusual things you've been through in life. Because of your own experiences, you are able to understand someone else's longings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your positive attitude will spark something in a friend. There might be a joint effort in your near future. Keep your eyes peeled for opportunities that will utilize both of your talents.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). According to the latest research, IQ accounts for only about 4-10 percent of career success. Creativity will be a far more important quality to nurture now, which is why that playful attitude you're cultivating will take you far.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It will help you to have a few social tricks up your sleeve today because in some way it's like you're arriving at a party where you don't know anybody. Scan the news for icebreakers or brush up on an old joke.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You could be promoted because you are caring. In a world where customer

service is offered by robots, your personal touch is invaluable. You sense what people need that they don't even know they need.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A key relationship is starting to take off. It's effortless. Because you are so open-hearted, you will learn many intangible things from this special connection and be forever changed for the better.

Holiday Mathis



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a much sharper sense of reality than you did yesterday. You not only understand your side of the story, but you get where others are coming from and will make a wise move based on this knowledge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are the opposite of needy. It's one of your success secrets and why you are oh so attractive these days. You honestly don't care how much time a friend spends with you; you're happy with whatever comes naturally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are different. You do what other people don't do. You give unexpected answers and ask interesting questions. Your surprising manners will fascinate someone new.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The amount of time you spend with someone is not a fair gauge of the relationship. It's what you do in that time that matters. You come up with remarkable ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your compassion will be tested. The mercy you show will be inspiring to others who will follow your lead. The world is becoming a more tolerant place thanks to people like you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Enjoy the moments you have with loved ones and celebrate them big — not because they are scarce but because they are abundant. You deserve an ongoing stream of joyful living!

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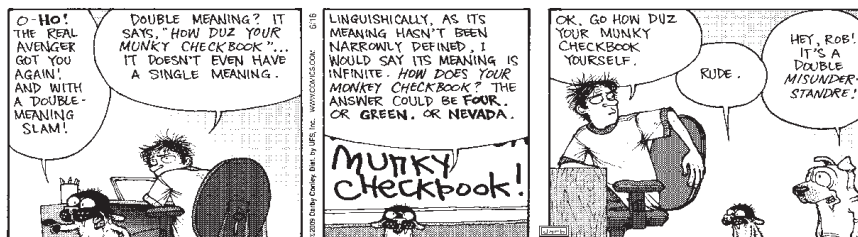
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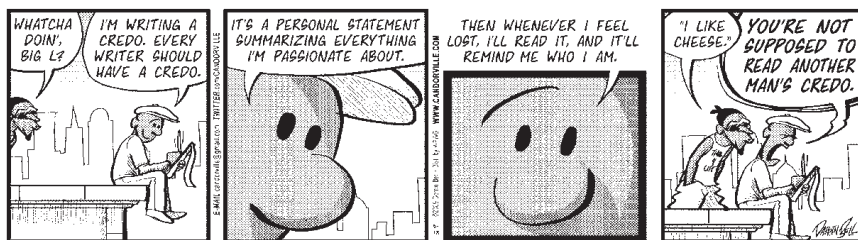
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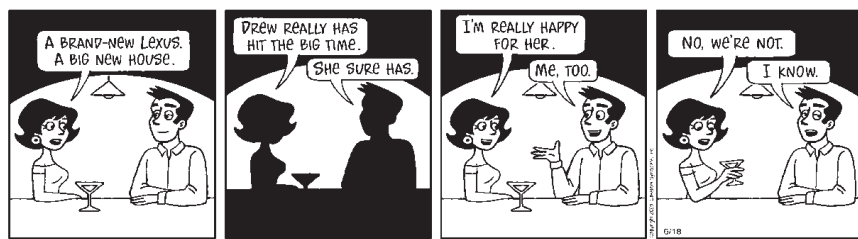
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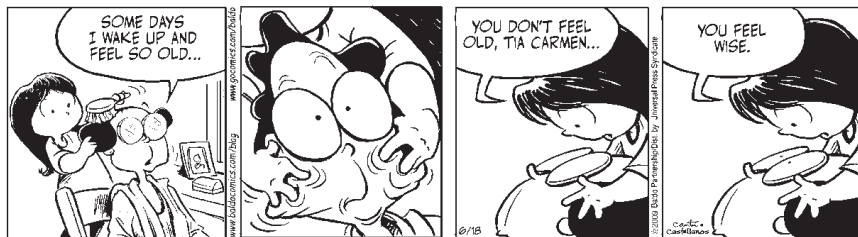
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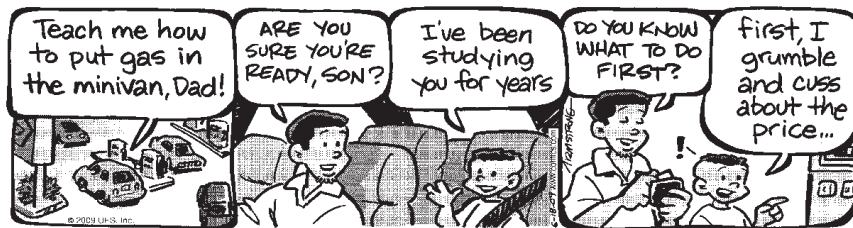
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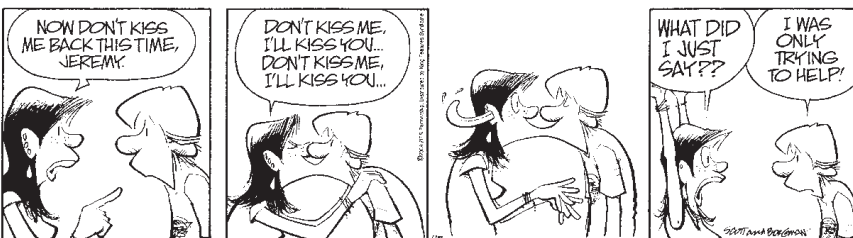
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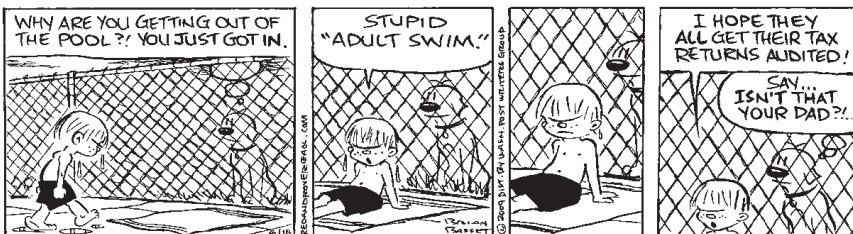
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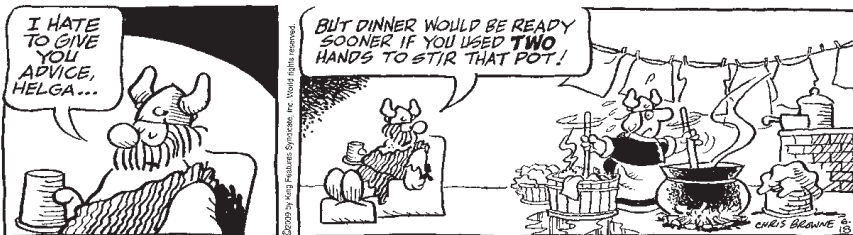
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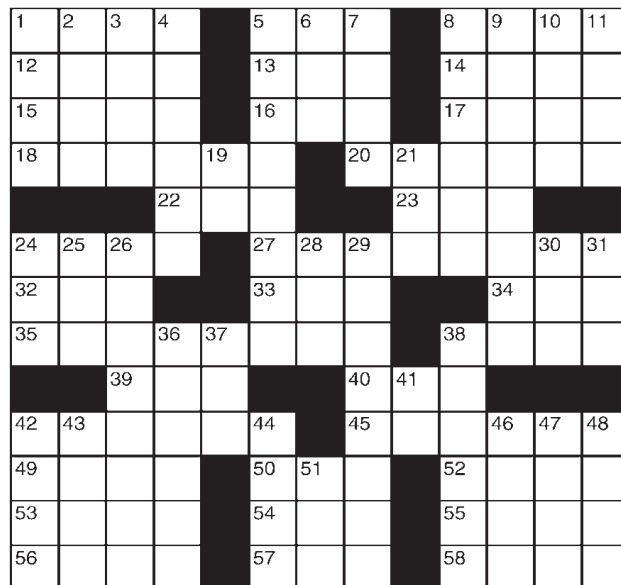
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 33 Vitamin stat
- 34 Fish eggs
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- 51 Stiller or Stein

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU CREATE A MINIATURE REPOSITORY FOR DISCARDING TRASH, WHAT WILL YOU CALL IT? A DUMPLING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals T

Employer should help new mom

Dear Abby: Please tell "Privacy Please in Santa Clara, Calif." (March 16) that she does not have to pump her breast milk in the bathroom!

Depending on the laws in her state, she may be entitled to request that her employer create a dedicated pumping location for new moms.

Pumping in the restroom could endanger her baby's health. That new mom needs a clean, private space to pump and should ask her boss for help in establishing a special room.

Kudos to "Privacy Please" for doing the very best thing for her baby. Hopefully her employer will realize what a valuable, dedicated individual she is and accommodate her needs so she can continue her high-quality work performance while also taking care of her little one.

—Nursing Mom In Texas

Dear Abby



Dear Nursing Mom: Thank you for raising the issue about the laws pertaining to new nursing moms. Several states have expanded their breast-feeding laws to include provisions that protect a mother's right to express milk in the workplace. California requires employers to provide break time for employees to do this and to make reasonable efforts to provide a location other than a toilet stall, with a penalty for non-compliance. Read on:

Dear Abby: I, too, was the first new mom in my office who faced the challenges of pumping in order to continue providing my baby with breast milk. It makes me cringe to think that "Privacy" has to resort to using an unsanitary bathroom stall for this task.

There is legislation in her state that requires her employer to supply her with a room other than a

toilet stall for privacy. The La Leche League Web site at www.la lecheleague.org is an excellent resource for breast-feeding moms and provides links to this legislation as well as laws in other states.

—Alicia in Duluth, Minn.

Dear Abby: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has put together a tool kit to help employers understand and take the necessary steps to support breast-feeding employees. Recent studies show that there are many advantages, including lower absenteeism rates and improved productivity. An information booklet titled, "Easy Steps to Supporting Breastfeeding Employees" can be accessed online at www.ask.hrsa.gov.

—Helen In Chicago

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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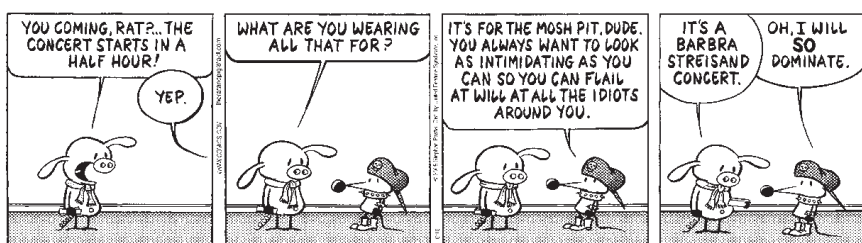
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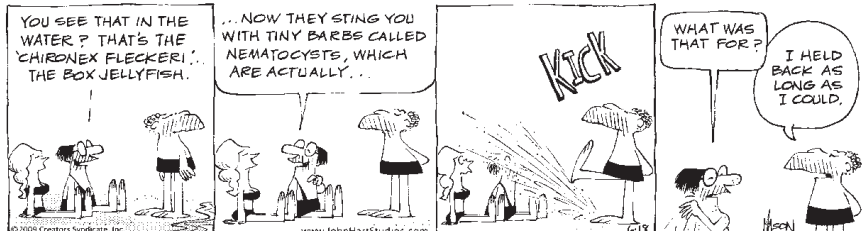
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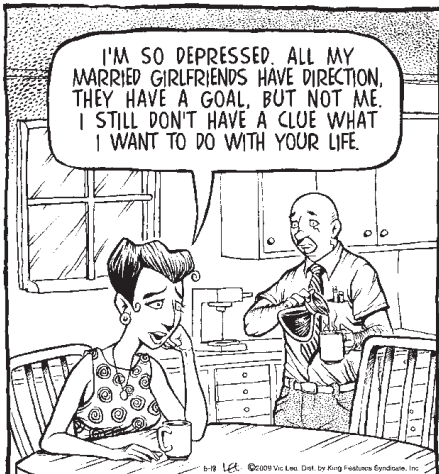
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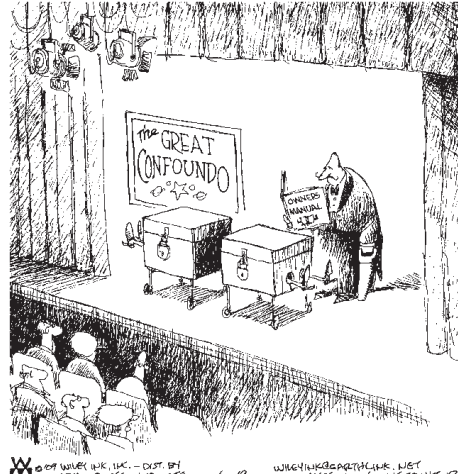
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SELF STORAGE



AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/>

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	CSI: Miami "Inside Out"	Raggs	Movie "The Big Bounce"	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon Revisited	Mad About You	(8:00) Sports	(8:00) Sports
9:30		Aladdin	(2004) Owen Wilson, Morgan Freeman, Gary Sinise.	Hannity	Dr. Phil	State Dept Briefing	Living Single		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Bratz				Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:30		Animaniacs	(43) Movie "Varsity Blues" (1999, Comedy-Drama) James Van Der Beek, Jon Voight, Paul Walker.	Anderson Cooper 360	Everybody Loves Raymond "The Last Laugh"	Recon	E! News		Sports
11:00	Dr. Phil	Scooby		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
11:30		Scooby		Campbell Brown	Judge Judy	Battleground	Star Trek "The City on the Edge of Forever"		
12:00	CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Ever After: A Cinderella Story" (1998, Romance) Drew Barrymore, Anjelica Huston, Doug Gray Scott.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	The Young and the Restless	Around the Services	Roseanne	SportsCenter	Sports
12:30	Prime News Tonight	The Weekenders			General Hospital	Briefing Encore	Girlfriends "The J-Spot"		
13:00		WordGirl				Downrange	Emeril Live		
13:30	NBC Nightly News	Play With Me Sesame	(45) Movie "The Amityville Horror" (1979) James Brolin, Margot Kidder. A family's Long Island home is possessed by evil spirits.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	AFN News Europe	Landscape Smart	SportsCenter	
14:00	World News-Gibson	Doodlebops		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Recon	Color Splash		
14:30	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch		Tavis Smiley		Fit For Duty	Man vs. Wild "Moab Desert" The heat in Moab, Utah.	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
15:00		That's So Raven		Nightly Business Report		Battleground	King of the Hill		X Play
15:30	The View	Movie "The Barbie Diaries" (2006, Adventure)		Nightline		Recon Revisited	That '70s Show		Futurama
16:00				The O'Reilly Factor		The American Veteran	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
16:30	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Ent. Studios	Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Recon	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
17:00		Duel Masters	What It Takes	Today	Michael J. Fox: Adventures of an Incurable Optimist	Briefing Encore	One Tree Hill Brooke faces a ghost from her past.		The Ultimate Fighter
17:30	Everybody Loves Raymond "The Last Laugh"	Kim Possible	Entertainment Tonight	Today	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Recon	Ugly Betty Ignacio enters a TV cook-off.		The Block
18:00		The Fairly OddParents	Movie "The Great Debaters" (2007) Denzel Washington, Forest Whitaker. Students at a largely black college form a debate team.	America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Desperate Housewives "Back in Business"		Baldwin Hills
18:30	Judge Judy	Mucha Lucha			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Pick"	Sports	Making the Band 4
19:00	The Young and the Restless	Hannah Montana	(20) Movie "The Three Stooges" (2000) Paul Ben-Victor, Evan Handler.	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Week-Pentagon	Friends		Best Damn Sports Show Period
20:00		Wizards of Waverly Place				Tour of Duty	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
20:30	General Hospital	American Dreams "Black and White"				Downrange	The Colbert Report		
21:00									
21:30	Days of our Lives	Beverly Hills, 90210 "The Green Room"							
22:00									
22:30	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "In the Blink of an Eye"	Movie "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) Jackie Chan.						
23:00									
23:30									

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	The Fairly OddParents	(11:00) Movie "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) Jackie Chan.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	Exchange on Air	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	Mucha Lucha			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty	Any Day Now "From This Day On"		Futurama
1:00	Headline News	Hannah Montana	(12:50) Movie "Rebel Without a Cause" (1955, Drama) James Dean.	Happening Now	Judge Judy	Today's Air Force	Ghost Whisperer "Don't Try This at Home"		The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Wizards of Waverly Place		Newsroom	CSI: Miami "Bang, Bang, Your Debt"	Around the Services	Psych "Who Ya Gonna Call?"		Family Guy
2:00	The Game	American Dreams "Black and White"		MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Seinfeld "The Pick"		The Ultimate Fighter
2:30	Worst Week "The Party"				Dr. Phil	This Week in the Pentagon	Friends	Sports	The Block
3:00	Michael J. Fox: Adventures of an Incurable Optimist	Beverly Hills, 90210 "The Green Room"	(2:53) Movie "The Great Debaters" (2007, Docu-drama) Denzel Washington, Forest Whitaker. Students at a largely black college form a debate team.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	The Grill Sergeants	Battleground	Kiana's Flex Appeal		Baldwin Hills
3:30				The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	State Dept Briefing	Around the Services	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	College Football Live	Making the Band 4
4:00	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Deep Fried & Minty Fresh"	7th Heaven "In the Blink of an Eye"		Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	All Hands TV	Essence of Emeril	NFL Live	Best Damn Sports Show Period
4:30						Recon	Simply Delicious	Jim Rome Is Burning	Attack of the Show!
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	(18) Movie "The Three Stooges" (2000, Biography) Paul Ben-Victor, Evan Handler.	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Around the Services	FitTV's Housecalls	Pardon the Interruption	MTV Hits Playlist
5:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Bear in the Big Blue House		NBC Nightly News		Briefing Encore	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet	SportsCenter	
6:00		Sesame Street		World News-Gibson	Sesame Street	This Week in the Pentagon	Mad About You		
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Peep-Big World	At the Movies	CBS Evening News	The View	Fit For Duty	Living Single		
7:00		Max & Ruby	Entertainment Studios.com	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Dr. Phil	Around the Services	Guiding Light		
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Go, Diego, Go!	What It Takes	Hannity		FNG Useful benefits.	E! News		
8:00	Judge Judy	Backyardigans	Entertainment Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	State Dept Briefing	The Daily 10		Sports
9:00	CSI: Miami "Bang, Bang, Your Debt"	Raggs	Movie "French Kiss" (1995) Meg Ryan, Kevin Kline. An American woman crosses paths with a smarmy French thief.	Special Report With Bret Baier	Everybody Loves Raymond	Fit For Duty	Star Trek "Operation -- Annihilate!"		
9:30		Aladdin		Campbell Brown	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Roseanne "Death and Stuff"		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Bratz	(05) Movie "Seven" (1995, Suspense) Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman, Gwyneth Paltrow. A killer dispatches his victims via the Seven Deadly Sins.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Judge Judy	Around the Services	Girlfriends "Maybe, Baby"	SportsCenter	Sports
10:30		Animaniacs			The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Emeril Live		
11:00	Dr. Phil	Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!	(25) Movie "Cruel Intentions" (1999, Drama) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Downrange	Design on a Dime	SportsCenter	
11:30		Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Fit For Duty	Decorating Cents		
12:00	CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	(10) Movie "The Day the Earth Stood Still" (1951, Science Fiction) Michael Rennie, Patricia Neal, Hugh Marlowe.	Tavis Smiley		The Grill Sergeants	Man vs. Wild "Costa Rica" Rain forest.	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
12:30	ESPN News	SpongeBob SquarePants	Biography "Michael J. Fox" Michael J. Fox.	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Fit For Duty	King of the Hill		X Play
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Tutenstein	What It Takes	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show "Baby Fever"		Futurama
13:30		Super Why!	Entertainment Tonight	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	This Week in the Pentagon	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Pinky Dinky Doo	Movie "Stomp the Yard" (2007, Drama) Columbus Short, Meagan Good, Ne-Yo. A troubled dancer enrolls in college.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Access Hollywood	The American Veteran	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
14:30	World News-Gibson	Hip Hop Harry		Today	Judge Judy	Briefing Encore	Project Runway "Rings of Glory: Apolo Ohno"		The Hills Spencer tries to win back Heidi.
15:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch	(25) Movie "Bend It Like Beckham" (2002) Parminder Nagra. A teen hides her soccer-playing from her strict parents.	America's Newsroom	The Young and the Restless	Recon	Grey's Anatomy "Brave New World"		The Real World The ladies take a pole-dancing class.
15:30		That's So Raven		Newsroom	General Hospital	Around the Services	Private Practice "Let It Go"		Real World -- Road Rules Challenge
16:00	The View	Movie "The Love Bug" (1997) Bruce Campbell, John Hannah. The adventures of a Volkswagen with a mind of its own.			Days of our Lives	Pacific Report	Seinfeld "The Movie"	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show Period
16:30					Oprah Winfrey	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Friends		Attack of the Show!
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19:30	Judge Judy	The X's							
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20:30		Just Jordan							
21:00	General Hospital	Made "Skateboarder" Skateboarder.							
21:30									
22:00	Days of our Lives	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Every Dream Has Its Price (Tag)"							
22:30									
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "No Funerals and a Wedding"	(10) Movie "White Men Can't Jump" (1992) Wesley Snipes.						
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Atsugi - 2008 Jeep Cherokee, American Driver, V6, 4x4, Power Everything, Sun Ruff, 2608 Miles. Registered till 2011. Can go to US and back to Japan with no extra cost. \$30,000.00. Call 08058695462.

Atsugi, Japan - 2003 Nissan Liberty. JCI and Road Tax good until April 2010. \$3,500 OR BEST OFFER. Call Joe 254-7197 or 080-8417-8591

New Sanno, Tokyo - 1995 BMW 318i, black, auto, 58,713 km, navigator, JCI till Dec 2010 for \$3,000. Neg. Call Sam at 090-1796-9392 or 03-3445-9660.

Yokosuka - 1995 Cadillac Eldorado, Great shape, very well maintained! Fully optioned! 54,000 original miles! \$3,500 OBO. Call Greg at 090-9676-8201.

Yokota - 1994 Nissan Skyline, Two Door, JCI - Jan 2010, Road Tax Apr 2010. Asking \$750. If interested please call Mike at 763-354-3551

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Yokota - 1996 Toyota RAV 4J, nice, clean, Silver 5 door SUV, runs great. Automatic transmission, sun roof, power lock-screens/windows. Working AC and heater. CD/MP3 In-Dash Receiver, 2009 road tax paid. 2007 radiator/timing belt replacement. JCI May 2011; \$3,000 negotiable. Call 0909-594-3683

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan March 4 Sale Good car, heat and A/C work very well. Easy to park, fun to drive. JCI good until Feb 2011, asking \$1000 firm. Will have oil changed prior to sale. New battery 2008. Available mid June E-mail to see

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan Serena van for sale. This van has no radio, speedometer isn't working right and AC is not working, but other than that. It is a good van runs great. Road tax paid. We are PCSing on 19th Jun, so we will negotiate if we can drive till that time. JCI until May 2010 Asking \$ 500 OBO Call 614-358-4889

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Yokota, Japan - 1993 Toyota Camry Great car for sale. 4-door, color beige. No problems and runs great. JCI until Feb. 2010 asking \$1000 for more information call 1-323-338-7500 after 5pm

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Toyota Hilux Surf V-6, 4x4, fully loaded - power windows/locks. Stereo with CD/USB port for iPod/MP3 player, Roof rack, Rear storage cover & recent additions in the past year, new timing belt, tires, stereo, and battery very good clean reliable truck, hate to get rid of it, must sell to accommodate new baby. 1-971-244-0524 / 090-1269-4102

Yokota, Japan - 1994 RVR XL sports edition/sunroof this little sports utility truck is a great commuter that's not only reliable but has multiple seat configurations to suit your hauling needs. It has a sun roof, great AC, CD power windows/doors, a low 57k miles, directional compass, push guard, and a Nov 09 JCI. Give us a call to see up close! Asking \$1200 OBO call 323-338-7523 or email garciasinjan@gmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1994 Honda Prelude, this prelude is very clean and mechanically sound. I have documentation on all maintenance performed on the vehicle since I have been the owner (2005). The last preventative maintenance was timing belt and water pump replacement. Runs great as the VTEC engine still produces plenty of power with low mileage for a 1994 model (78,600 mile). JCI until Aug. 2010 asking \$2250 OBO you must see and drive this one to believe. Call 9164734472 or email jim.percy65@gmail.com for a test drive today!

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Toyota Celica GT-4 Turbo Car has body damage on left side and the rear differential Bushings need to be replaced and the clutch is starting to slip, other than that the car is in good shape. I'm PCSing soon so I don't have time to fix it so I need to sell. Asking \$1400 OBO Call 240-845-5294 or email bluedevil913@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Ford Mustang Convertible-Must sell! PCSing! Very clean and reliable convertible with chrome rims and tires (less than 1yr old). Comes 1 year JCI until July 2010/road taxes paid; Left side steering wheel, a very good sound system and aftermarket speedometer panel. Asking \$3500 or NBO Must See! Please call 713-490-0690 or email lakajun2004@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Toyota EX/VI Separating soon and need to sell car! Green in color, A/C blows cold, Heat blows fire. Brand new battery Call to set up a time to check it out (080-3918-4100) JCI until May 2010 asking \$1200 OBO Call 080-3479-4570

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Century Black Chrome 20" Wheels w/ New Tires Leather Seats Power Front & Rear Seats Power lumbar Front & Rear Seats Recline Power Rear Head Rest Heated Seats Front & Rear Massaging Seats Front & Rear Power Windows "All, Even The Small Triangular One's In The Front And Rear" Player Road Tax Paid! JCI till Oct 2009 must see, to appreciate! \$3500 OBO Call: 080-3362-9822 "Cell" or 1-216-619-8433 "House" Email: azntnsal@hotmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Premio Must Sell Newly JCI'd 4door is in great condition. Tires recently replaced, CD, A/C, auto transmission, power windows. Asking \$1500 willing to negotiate on price Call 080-3241-6736 or email rtype127@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Sprinter (Corolla) Nice, clean, 4 door sedan. 4 cylinders, runs great Automatic transmission, Power locks & windows, Working A/C and heater, Cassette and AM/FM radio 2009 road tax paid. Non-smoker Bought from Johnson's off base and passed JCI (with the exception of an expired flare) w/ 50K kilometers, and has 60K kilometers (37K miles). Never had any problems with it, and it has passed the Base Garage inspection again (only needed to replace tires), so JCI is good until June 2011. Asking \$1400 OBO It is currently on the Lemon Lot # 30. Please call 443-283-0661 (Vona e off base); unq.one@gmail.com; Ask for Greg on base: 313-347-1030.

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Mitsubishi Chariot Great, Reliable Family Car. Good A/C. Burgundy. Seats 7 72K JCI until November 2009 Asking \$2500 OBO Call 080-3479-4570

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Nissan Avenir AWD Station Wagon for sale w/ sr20 engine. Clean inside and out has 56,800km low miles never had any problems with the car, just updated JCI for 2 years everything is up to date. Every annual tune ups, has normal dings and scratches runs well new rear tires. Asking \$2,200 OBO located in Yokosuka if interested pls. call 241-2392.

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Honda Sasebo Good Condition Silver w/ gray interior. New battery. JCI until 2011 asking \$3500 OBO e m a i l mom1soldier2@yahoo.com or call 226-6166

Yokota, Japan - 93 Skyline Turbo only 45000 km JCI 2011! You didn't read it wrong! Very clean, minor dents and scratches, smooth running & well maintained! 2 air cold A/C/pw/plps good tires! JCI paid! Road tax paid! I would buy it if I didn't already have it! JCI until March 2011 asking \$3500 OBO call 090-98174-006 or email smiththree@hotmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - \$2500 -0B0 -2001 Nissan Presage, Silver Loaded! Must Sell! 79k km (49k mi), 8 passengers, mini-van, Great family car, VERY comfortable, Smooth ride, Well cared for: I-Pod/Aux ready; CD and MD player; GPS w/ DVD player/TV with remote; Power locks/windows, Strong A/C, Separate rear A/C; ETC on board; sensors; JCI until June 2010 Asking \$2500 OBO SAFE Family Car. PCS - Must sell immediately- make any offer - Call 263-3452 or 080-5866-5513 O R e m a i l slhardy1512@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 95 Skyline GT-R 2 Yrs JCI 29K miles. Original R33 GT-R, RB26DETT engine. Countless upgrades including fuel system, turbo, body kit and camshafts. Never raced. Great owner car well maintained. JCI until Jan. 2011 asking \$21,500 Call Dan for more details at 720-257-6847 or e-mail dnigolan@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 97 Nissan Cedric GT 97-V6 engine 77,000km pearl white very clean and good condition runs great no problem road tax paid and JCI expire Jan 2011 asking \$3500 call 090-4247-0384 or email mopsy55@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 97 Toyota Chaser Tourer V (5-speed) this vehicle is a great Project car. I have started but time has run out to finish the last final minor things. The motor was just rebuilt by a Shop in Tokyo name Rasty. Engine: IJZ-GTE (2.5L Single Turbo, VVTi) 5-Speed Manual Transmission (Factory) Rasty High Flow Turbine 550cc Fuel Injector Walbro 255 Fuel Pump HKS F-CON ECU-Tuned by Rasty Greddy Intercooler Fully Adjustable Suspension and many more. Please E-mail me for more details Too many to list. JCI until June 2010 asking \$5500 Call 080-4085-2156 need to sell ASAP

Yokota, Japan - Honda Odyssey For Sale in good Condition. JCI until July 2010 Call 080 3390 5 9 6 0 0 e m a i l jennybg08@gmail.com

Zama - 1996 Honda CRV, very clean body/blow green 2 runs smooth low mileage 74000km/45000miles well maintained no problems a/c works real good JCI exp Jan 2011 road tax paid. \$3,500. 09042470384 or 08033453841

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Yokota, Japan - PCS DEAL: '95 Skyline GT-S w/ 10 Month JCI. Priced to sell, quick, PCSing soon, available immediately - Great car! No mechanical issues, just some dings/scratches JCI exp: April 2010 - 2009 Road Tax paid, good for year - Silver, AT, 4 door, CD player, spoiler - AC & Heat work good - 77K miles (124K km) - Reliable, Great Condition - First come first served Asking \$1100 - Check it out on the Lemon lot #17 I'm out of town 28 May - 12 June, you can email me if you just have questions. For showings, call Charles Murphy @ 850-254-9057 or email him charlesdavid99@hotmail.com or charles.murphy@yokota.af.mil

Zama-97 Nissan Cedric GT- V6 engine 77000km pearl white very good and clean condition runs great no problem road tax paid and JCI exp Jan 2011 \$3500.09042470384 ask for JP

Motorcycles 164

Yokota, Japan - Harley Davidson sportster 1200 XL 2003 XL 100th anniversary model with 1-1300 miles. JCI until 2010 asking \$7800 call 509-343-0732 or email jiasutton@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Yamato Virago 1100 JCI until Oct 2009 V-Twin 1100cc. Runs Great, Shaft Drive, low maintenance. One helmet, Leather tank guard, Motorcycle cover, work manual, Great Fuel mileage, New battery, spark plugs, Oil changed \$2100.00 080-3522-3031 Cell or 1-830-522-2100 Home

Baby Items 200

Atsugi - Brand new in packaging, a piece crib bedding set, includes quilt, bumper, dust ruffle and crib sheet. The theme is "Aviator". The colors are different shades of blues, greens, yellows and whites and there are different bi-planes embroidered all around the quilt, bumper and dust ruffle. The dust ruffle is pleated, not ruffled like a little girl's would be. Originally \$150.00 selling for \$90.00. Please e-mail me if you would like pictures. Nicole, 264-7430

Baby Items 200

Atsugi - Delta 5 in 1 crib bed. Light wood color. Casters, adjustable base and side bar which locks into place. \$55.00. Please call 264-7939 for more information.

Yokota, Japan - Beautiful Baby Girl Nursery Set bumper, quilt, diaper stacker, 2 decorative pillows, toy organizer, wall decorations, crib skirt, mobile. Paid over \$200 for everything asking \$75 for all E-mail for pictures for all Call 3145583462

Yokota, Japan - Changing table I am looking for a changing table for a cheap price. I'm having my first baby and we're a little tight on the budget. I found changing tables at the Amazon.com but they're a little expensive for me. Preferable price for me is around \$30-\$50 but we can negotiate on the price, depending on the quality and design of the table. Please email babyvalerie14@yahoo.com Thanks!

Bicycles 220

Yokota, Japan - 12 inch Girls Magna bicycle used girls bicycle in great condition. No training wheels. Asking \$20 Please call (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Mongoose E-Pro 21 speed bicycle Mongoose E-Pro mountain bike with quick release wheels \$80; Magna multi-speed mountain bike in good condition \$40 and female multi-speed bicycle \$40. Please call 6143584904 or email garyschwamm@hotmail.com

Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - 2 New Era NY Hats I have 2 good condition New Era NY hats. 1 is Blue W/ white Pin stripes the other is light Brown. I have only worn them a couple of times. Both are size 7 1/4 for 1 you can get it for \$15 or get both for \$30! Call Ryan 08067835117 or email rmh_008@hotmail.com

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Clothing 320 Yokota, Japan - huge box filled w/ woman's clothing must sell immediately b 4 I leave. Only serious buyers call me. I have put together a huge box filled w/ really nice woman's clothing / shoes. They are all really nice. Some were never worn. Name brands: Eddie Bauer, LLEBEAN, mossimo, Sonoma, ked, lees, Nike, and so much more. Sizes range from s, m, l, XL, maybe an xxi-10, 12, 14, 16. There are clothes for all seasons, work-out attire, work clothes, and much more. This huge, heavy box-all for only \$50.00-there is a huge amount-this is a great way to save money. Either buy for yourself, or perhaps share w/ friends. (I paid \$50 for one pair of Capri's in this box, so this is truly a great deal). Angela 916-473-4488 Yokota, Japan - Small size woman outfit I have lot of small size (woman or miss) outfits. I bought them from Korea and I paid least \$75 per set. All of them are great condition and willing to sell for \$10 - \$20 per set. Feel free to come by and try them on. \$10-\$20each set. Please contact 614-358-4889	Furniture 510 Yokota, Japan - Great Condition Black Leather Sectional Sofa. We are moving soon and have to downsize for our new home. The sofa is in excellent condition with little use- fairly new. If you are sincerely interested, please come by and look at it, asking \$450. Hopefully, I will have a picture up in the next few days. however. OBO Call 080-3727-3357 Yokota, Japan - Twin Size Simmons Beauty Rest Mattress. Upgraded to a Queen Size for my teenager this one is taking up room on my staircase! Great, clean, comfortable mattress beats FMO mattresses by a long shot!! :) Email or call for pictures if interested or come by and look! Email, or call 512-275-4895, 080-4602-7175 or 080-4603-0962 anytime! Asking \$100 Free Delivery	Furniture/Appliances 511 Yokosuka, Japan - Forget about filling kerosene tanks. Air heater sale - pack of 3 heaters only used for one winter before moving. 1 tall electric, 1 small electric, 1 large gas heater (non-kerosene/propane gas). Over \$450 value only for \$250 OBO. Please email samuel.soto@gmail.com or call 080-3411-1162 Yokota, Japan - Air conditioner, CHOFU Sereno - Energy Efficient. Japanese Remote bought for \$1200 2 years ago. Sell for \$400. Please call Jaimee 990-9915-4154 or email jaimet82@gmail.com	Household Items 560 Yokota, Japan - really nice full/queen bedding set this set was taken excellent care of, very clean, was taken to the cleaners. I am willing to accept 2 payments, if need be-asking \$160. Must sell b 4 I leave. I think this set is really nice. It has the natural, neutral browns w/ an accent of soft blue. Chenille-sued trim will match about any decor. it will include: comforter, best fit sheet set, decorative pillows, bed skirt, extra soft blanket, set of 2 curtain panels, set of 2 curtain tie backs, valance, set of 2 shams, and much more. Curtains can be hung on curtain rod, or on sliders. Really nice set only serious buyers please call me 916-473-4488. Must sell immediately if not home, please leave message. Thank you. Yokosuka, Japan - Don't pay the expensive prices outside base. Set of large curtains. Approximately 66 inches tall per curtain, set of 6 curtains light blue. \$130 OBO. Contact samuel.soto@gmail.com or call 080-3411-1162 Yokota, Japan - large bag filled w/ great kitchen items must sell now: I have put together a huge, heavy bag filled w/ different kitchen items that I never used, used just a few times, or have had for a long time, but kept in great shape. This bag includes brand names: le Cresset, OXO, Tupperware, pampered chef, and much, much more! This whole bag is priced to sell immediately: \$35 for all-amazing deal. So sorry, I do not have any pictures. Serious buyers please call me 916-473-4488. If I'm not home, please leave your name w/ good contact number so I may return your call. Thank you.	Jewelry 610 Yokota, Japan - Shane Co Men's Bracelet Stainless Steel 14K It has never been worn and is in good condition it was just too big for me. (8") Asking \$40 Call 080-6783-5117 or email rmh_00@hotmail.com Yokota, Japan - Back yard Fence for East side guard house for the end units, great condition-come and see it-4529 E-you have to remove and transfer it. Asking \$700 Please call-407-373-1352 or email eacd@mac.com Yokota, Japan - Fence & front/back awnings 32 ft "privacy fence (end N. area unit) - \$200 Front awning - \$150 Rear awning - \$200 All for \$500 Call 773-634-7734 or email knovak@armed-svc.com Yokota, Japan - I have five XBOX 360 games that I would like to get rid of, Americas army, Nascar 08, full spectrum warrior ten hammers, Kane and lynch dead men, and NCAA 08 football all go at this price. Asking \$80 Call 2408455298 or email welsryan78@yahoo.com Yokota, Japan - Play Station 2-Slim with lots of games Vway too many games to list Asking \$150 OBO for all No reasonable offer will be refused. Call 3145583462 Yokota, Japan - Toshiba Black DVD player for sale! Remote and batteries included but the cover on the back of the remote for the batteries is missing. DVD player is in good shape asking \$40 Please email ilirede290@yahoo.com	Pets 820 Yokota, Japan - Parakeets w/Cage 2 parakeets (one yellow, one green), easy to handle, you can hand feed, comes with cage, stand, food, and toy many accessories. Asking \$45 OBO call 813-200-9379 or email aladdin002@yahoo.com Zama/SHA - 3 year old male cat. shots up to date, on record at Camp Zama Vet. house trained & fixed. comes with carrier. Free to good home. Contact Tricia or CJ at 267-6329/ by email puertobaby87@yahoo.com Atsugi - Radio flyer trike with sun canopy. Allows adult to steer but handle can be removed also. Bought for \$99.00, selling for \$40.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information. Yokota, Japan - Girls Pink Disney scooter Great condition! Perfect for beginners Asking \$15 Please contact (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com Atsugi - Red K2 5 Speed ski poles. Bought for \$50.00, selling for \$20.00. Please call 264-7973 for more information. 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NASCAR ponders adding more automakers

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Fans cringed and teams shuddered when NASCAR opened its doors to Toyota, the first foreign automaker to enter a sport built around American cars.

Competitors feared that a deep-pocketed company with its free spending and technological savvy would run wild over the loyal supporters of Detroit's Big Three manufacturers. Longtime fans simply couldn't stomach a Japanese car racing side by side against their red, white and blue models.

It's now been five years since Toyota eased into NASCAR in the third-tier Truck Series — three since the automaker graduated into the premier Sprint Cup Series — and a foreign brand didn't bring the sport to a halt. Nor did it ruin the racing. If anything, its improved both the competition and overall health of the industry.

Now, NASCAR says it is willing to consider other foreign automakers.

BMW, Honda, Hyundai, Nissan, and Mercedes-Benz all have manufacturing plants inside the U.S. — the same criteria Toyota met when NASCAR accepted the automaker into NASCAR in 2002 — and Volkswagen is building a facility in Tennessee. Any of those manufacturers can approach NASCAR about coming on board, and chairman Brian France is apparently willing to listen.

"We're the pre-eminent place in North America for car manufacturers to build their business with an auto racing group," France said before Sunday's race. "We remain that and clearly there's some companies that are going to look at opportunities that may not have even been there in the past that could be presented in the future."

That his comments came at Michigan International Speedway — a short drive from the home offices of Ford, GM and Dodge — probably didn't sit well with those in NASCAR.

But on what grounds can any American automakers object to NASCAR allowing more manufacturers into the sport? Chrysler and GM are in Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, and the restructuring plans have led to cutbacks in each auto racing budget.

Dodge flagship owner Roger Penske says it's been business as usual for his team since Chrysler's filing. But Richard Petty Motorsports cut salaries across the



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Toyota drivers Kyle Busch (18), Brian Vickers (83), and David Reutimann (00), lead Jimmie Johnson (48) and Kurt Busch (2) during the NASCAR LifeLock 400 race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., Sunday. Three years after allowing the Japanese automaker into Sprint Cup and in the middle of an economic crisis that is affecting the financial stability of Chrysler and GM, NASCAR is willing to consider allowing other foreign automakers.

board and laid off at least nine employees last week as it prepares for significant shortfalls in Dodge funding.

Then came GM's decision late last week to end its support of teams in the lower-tier Nationwide and Truck Series, a cutback that slashes the bottom lines at race teams owned by Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kevin Harvick and every organization not run by a big-time NASCAR star. The pullout leaves Toyota as the only manufacturer supporting teams in either of those series.

But GM's cost-cutting could also reach the Cup series as early as this week, and every Chevrolet-supported team has got to be on edge as owners wonder just how much cash might vanish from the 2009 budget.

Never mind the flashes of muscle shown by Toyota the past year, Chevrolet is still the top player in NASCAR with great success spread among a diverse lineup of teams and drivers. Chevy teams have won 13 of the last 16 Cup titles, and Mark

Martin's victory Sunday was its eighth in 15 races this season.

There were 14 Chevy's in the 43-car field Sunday, and six of the 12 drivers currently qualified for the Chase for the championship are GM-supported. If that money dries up, particularly before the end of the season, it will have wide-ranging effects on the competition.

There would be no way for Richard Childress Racing to revive its slumping program before the end of the year, and Juan Pablo Montoya would have an extremely difficult time making his first Chase. Tony Stewart's bid to become the first driver/owner to win a championship since the late Alan Kulwicki would become much harder, and many longtime loyalties to Chevrolet could be tested.

So why shouldn't NASCAR let more manufacturers into the sport? Two of the three current participants are struggling to pay the bills, and Ford isn't exactly on

stable ground. Even mighty Toyota has taken a hit this year, and as the only player in Nationwide and Trucks, the company will likely have to reconsider spending money on those series.

France needs to make decisions based on the long-term health of the industry, and worrying about rankling fans who only buy American can't be a consideration. With sponsorship opportunities dwindling, many teams are hanging on by a thread. They need money and they need manufacturer support, and without it, they'll eventually vanish from the NASCAR landscape.

The automakers' current economic woes will eventually jeopardize everything a NASCAR fan wants: full fields, competitive racing and exciting drivers to cheer every weekend. By opening the industry to more foreign automakers, NASCAR could take a significant step toward stabilizing the future of the sport.

Hansbrough ready for NBA speculation to be over

By DOUG ALDEN

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Tyler Hansbrough has heard the speculation about where he'll go in the NBA Draft.

He's a little curious, himself.

Hansbrough is making a pre-draft tour, working out for NBA teams and trying to validate a résumé that includes college player of the year in 2008 and a national championship this season.

"It's a lot of speculation right now," Hansbrough said Monday after working out for the Utah Jazz. "You really don't know who to believe. We'll just have to wait and see what happens."

Fortunately for Hansbrough,

the waiting is almost over. Less than two weeks remain before the draft June 25, when Hansbrough will learn which draft prediction was right.

Although he set the Atlantic Coast Conference career scoring record in four years at North Carolina, he has been projected to go anywhere in the first round — from early to late — or possibly even in the second round.

"It's tough, but you have to understand that's the way it is," Hansbrough said. "I'll continue to work out for teams and see what happens. I'm more athletic than a lot of people think I am. A lot of people see me as just a hard worker, but I do a little more than work hard."

The Jazz liked what they saw from Hansbrough, but have no idea whether he will still be available when they come up in the first round with the 20th overall pick.

Coach Jerry Sloan loves players who work hard and was impressed by Hansbrough, who worked out with a group that included Arizona State forward Jeff Pendergraph and Taj Gibson of Southern California.

"They knocked and banged around," said Sloan, who is still recovering from having his right knee replaced a few days after the season ended.

Sloan, who normally spends this time working on his farm in southern Illinois, said he's been

stuck at home for the past week and was happy to finally get out and back to work.

He said blood clots after the operation April 30 set back his recovery, but he should be ready to go for his 22nd season with the Jazz.

"It's been tough but that's what I expected," Sloan said. "I'm a lot better than I was and I'm pretty happy about that, but I'm disappointed from the standpoint that I'm a couple weeks behind."

Sloan was clearly happy to be back at the gym, getting a look at who could be in his next rookie class. He's also still waiting to hear which veterans are coming back as forward Carlos Boozer, center Mehmet Okur and forward

Kyle Korver decide whether to opt out of the final year of their contracts.

The Jazz aren't likely to know before the draft.

If Hansbrough is still available, his reputation for a staunch work ethic could make him an early favorite with Sloan.

"Guys that are willing to work always get better. That's a huge thing in this business," Sloan said. "That's what you look for because it gives your team a chance to be competitive. Guys that really want to play and want to make themselves better can do that through hard work."

College World Series

LSU hits three homers in rout of Arkansas

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — LSU is bringing back memories of its powerful and storied teams of the 1990s, thriving on the long ball and romping through the College World Series.

Mikie Mahtook, Austin Nola and Blake Dean hit home runs Monday night to keep the Tigers unbeaten at the College World Series with a 9-1 victory over Arkansas.

"You saw what we're capable of doing," coach Paul Mainieri said. "When we're clicking, it can be a pretty good offense 1 through 9."

The No. 3-seeded Tigers (53-16) were clicking against their Southeastern Conference rivals, winning their 12th straight game to take control of Bracket 2. They get three days off before playing the Razorbacks or Virginia on Friday. Another victory sends LSU to next week's best-of-three finals.

Arkansas (40-23) and Virginia (49-14-1) meet Wednesday in an elimination game.

LSU has hit five home runs in two CWS games and has 99 for the season, one short of last year's total but far behind the NCAA-record 188 by the so-called "Gorilla Ball" team of 1997.

The Tigers turned on the power early against Arkansas starter



ERIC FRANCIS/AP

LSU's DJ LeMahieu steals second base as Arkansas shortstop Ben Tschepikow can't come up with the ball during the first inning of Monday's game at the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Brett Eibner. Mahtook hit a three-run homer in the first, and Eibner (5-5) got pulled after Ryan Schimpf's double put LSU up 4-1 with two outs in the second.

TJ Forrest kept the Tigers quiet until the sixth, when they erupted for five more runs, with four of them coming with two out. The normally light-hitting Nola

turned on a fastball for his third homer of the season and Dean hammered his 16th deep into the right-field seats.

"It happened real quick," Arkansas coach Dave Van Horn said. "We had a chance to get out of it, and then bang. They've got some pop."

Mahtook said patience at the

College World Series

At Rosenblatt Stadium

Omaha, Neb.

Double Elimination

Saturday, June 13

Arkansas 10, Cal State Fullerton 6

LSU 9, Virginia 5

Sunday, June 14

Arkansas 5, North Carolina 2,

10 innings

Texas 7, Southern Mississippi 6

Monday, June 15

Virginia 7, Cal State Fullerton 5,

Cal State Fullerton eliminated

LSU 9, Arkansas 1

Tuesday, June 16

Game 7 — North Carolina (47-17)

vs. Southern Mississippi (40-25)

Game 8 — Arizona State (50-12) vs.

Texas (47-14-1)

Wednesday, June 17

Game 9 — Virginia (49-14-1) vs. Ar-

kansas (40-23)

Thursday, June 18

Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs.

Game 8 loser

Friday, June 19

Game 11 — LSU (53-16) vs. Game

9 winner

Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs.

Game 10 winner

Saturday, June 20

Game 13 — Game 6 winner vs.

Game 9 winner, if necessary

Game 14 — Game 8 winner vs.

Game 10 winner, if necessary

Championship Series

Best-of-three

Monday, June 22: Game 11 or 13

winner vs. Game 12 or 14 winner

Tuesday, June 23: Game 11 or 13

winner vs. Game 12 or 14 winner

Wednesday, June 24: Game 11 or

13 winner vs. Game 12 or 14 winner,

if necessary

talized on it."

The offensive showing made for a stress-free night for SEC Pitcher of the Year Louis Coleman (14-2).

"Mikie hit the three-run homer, and it's off to the races for us," Mainieri said. "When you give Coleman a big lead, you feel pretty good about your chances." Coleman pitched a two-hit shutout against Arkansas on May 2, and he was pretty good again Monday. He allowed one run on six hits before leaving after the sixth inning. He struck out seven.

"Our team has so much confidence in him, really," Mainieri said. "Every time you give him the ball, you expect him to keep you in the game."

Relievers Daniel Bradshaw and Nolan Cain finished LSU's third win in four meetings against its conference rival.

Coleman was at his best in the third inning after Arkansas loaded the bases, and his defense helped him out in the fourth and fifth.

Coleman went right after left-handed pinch hitter Jacob House after walking the bases full. When House swung and missed on an 0-2 pitch, Coleman glided off the mound toward his dugout pumping his right fist.

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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Thursday

AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.—MLB: Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs.

AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.—MLB: Toronto at Philadelphia.

AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—College baseball: World Series, Game 9, Arkansas vs. Virginia.

AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—MLB: Seattle at San Diego.

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLS: D.C. at Seattle (dld).

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.—MLB: Detroit at St. Louis (dld).

AFN-Sports, 11 p.m.—Golf: U.S. Open, first round.

Friday

AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—College baseball: World Series, Game 10, teams TBD.

AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—MLB: Oakland at L.A. Dodgers.

AFN-Sports, 11 p.m.—Golf: U.S. Open, second round.

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Pro basketball

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	2	3	0.000	—
Chicago	2	1	.667	1
Atlanta	2	2	.500	1½
Indiana	2	2	.500	1½
Connecticut	1	2	.333	2
Detroit	1	2	.333	2
New York	0	3	.000	3
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	3	1	.750	—
Phoenix	3	1	.750	—
Seattle	3	2	.600	½
San Antonio	1	1	.500	1
Los Angeles	1	3	.250	2
Sacramento	1	3	.250	2
Sunday's games				
Atlanta 67, Connecticut 62				
Chicago 64, Seattle 57				
Monday's games				
No games scheduled				
Tuesday's games				
Connecticut at Chicago				
Minnesota at Sacramento				

Boxing

Fight schedule

June 19

At Montreal, Adrian Diaconu, Canada, vs. Jean Pascal, Canada, 12, for Diaconu's WBC light heavyweight title.

At Laredo (Texas) Entertainment Center, Fernando Beltran Jr. vs. Monty Meza-Clay, Rankin, Pa., 12, for Beltran's Latino featherweight title.

June 20

At Veltns Arena, Gelsenkirchen, Germany, Vladimir Klitschko, Ukraine, vs. Ruslan Chagaev, Uzbekistan, for Klitschko's IBF-WBO-IBO heavyweight titles; Alexander Ustinov, Belarus, vs. Michael Sprott, Britain, 10, heavyweights.

At Veracruz, Mexico, Tomas Rojas, Mexico, vs. Rafael Concepcion, Panama, 12, for the vacant interim WBC super flyweight title; Edgar Sosa, Mexico, vs. Carlos Melo, Panama, 12, for Sosa's WBC light flyweight title.

At Rylier Cree Resort and Casino, Edmonton, Alberta, vs. Fielder, Edmonton, Alberta, vs. Nicolai Firtha, Aarhus, Ohio, 12, for the vacant WBC/NABF Native American Boxing Council heavyweight title.

June 21

At Sunchales, Argentina, Hugo Hernan Garay, Argentina, vs. David Gogoya, 12, for Garay's WBA light heavyweight title.

June 26

At Casino Rama, Rama, Ontario, Steve Molitor, Canada, vs. Heriberto Ruiz, Mexico, 12, junior featherweights.

At Desert Diamond Casino, Tucson, Ariz., Daniel Jacobs, New York, vs. George Walton, New York, 10, middleweights.

June 27

At Windhoek, Namibia, Paulus Moses, Namibia, vs. Verquan Kimbrough, Pittsburgh, 12, for Moses' WBA lightweight title.

At London, Andreas Kotelnik, Germany, vs. Amir Khan, Britain, 12, for Kotelnik's WBA light welterweight title; Matthew Hall, Britain, vs. Anthony Small, Britain, 12, for Hall's Commonwealth junior middleweight title.

At Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J., Juan Manuel Lopez, Puerto Rico, vs. Olivier Lontchi, Canada, 12, for Lopez's WBO super bantamweight title; Fernando Montiel, Mexico, vs. Eric Morel, Madison, Wis., 12, for Montiel's WBO bantamweight title; Mike Alvarado, Thornton, Colo., vs. Paul Malignaggi, Brooklyn, N.Y., 10, light welterweights; Vanes Martirosyan, Glendale, Calif., vs. Andrey Tsurkan, Bronx, N.Y., 10, light middleweights.

At Tamaulipas, Mexico, Jorge Linares, Japan, vs. Jofsat Perez, Mexico, 12, for Linares' WBA super featherweight title.

At Quintana Roo, Mexico, Juan Jose Landaeza, Venezuela, vs. Francisco Rosas, Mexico, 12, for the vacant interim WBA light flyweight title; Koki Kameda, Japan, vs. Omar Salado, Mexico, 12, for the interim WBA flyweight title.

Tennis

AEGON International

Tuesday

At Devonshire Park
Eastbourne, England
Purse: Men, \$630,500 (WT250); Women, \$600,000 (Premier)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor

Singles

Men

First Round

Frank Dancevic, Canada, def. Igor Andreev (1), Russia, 7-6 (6), 6-2.

Julien Benneteau, France, def. Mikhail Youzhny (5), Russia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Second Round

Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, def. Joshua Goodall, Britain, 6-3, 7-5.

Fabrice Santoro (4), France, def. Bobby Ginepro, United States, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.

Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (8), Spain, def. Yen-Hsun Lu, Taiwan, 6-4, 6-7 (0), 7-6 (3).

Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Brydan Klein, Australia, 7-6 (5), 6-1.

Women

First Round

Caroline Wozniacki (6), Denmark, def. Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, 6-3, 6-2.

Marion Bartoli, France, def. Gisela Dulko, Argentina, 6-3, 6-1.

Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, def. Jelena Jankovic (3), Serbia, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2.

Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Jarmila Groth, Slovakia, 7-6 (7), 6-1.

Agnieszka Radwanska (8), Poland, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 6-1, 6-1.

Aleksandra Wozniak, Canada, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova (2), Russia, 6-0, 6-3.

Vera Dushevina, Russia, def. Ai Sugiyama, Japan, 6-7 (6), 7-5, 6-4.

Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-1.

Andrea Mauresmo, France, def. Vera Zvonareva (4), Russia, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.

Li Na, China, def. Elena Baltacha, Britain, 6-2, 7-5.

Golf

PGA Tour statistics

Through June 14

Scoring Average

1, Tiger Woods, 68.88, 2, David Toms, 69.44, 3, Brian Gay, 69.52, 4, Steve Stricker, 69.56, 5, Tim Clark, 69.59, 6, Sean O'Hair, 69.74, 7, Jim Furyk, 69.75, 8, Kenny Perry, 69.79, 9 (tie), Luke Donald and Jason Day, 69.82.

Driving Distance

1, Bubba Watson, 313.2, 2, Robert Garrigus, 309.0, 3, Dustin Johnson, 307.9, 4, Gary Woodland, 307.3, 5, Nick Watney, 302.7, 6, Brandt Jobe, 302.3, 7, Scott Piercy, 301.6, 8, J.B. Holmes, 300.9, 9 (tie), Charley Hoffman and Harrison Frazer, 300.6.

Driving Accuracy Percentage

1, David Toms, 74.74%, 2, Joe Durant, 72.64%, 3, Brian Gay, 72.35%, 4, Tim Clark, 72.14%, 5, Scott Verplank, 71.68%, 6, Scott McCarron, 71.58%, 7, Bart Bryant, 71.21%, 8, Mark Brooks, 70.36%, 9, Paul Goydos, 70.17%, 10, Jeff Klauk, 69.99%.

Greens in Regulation Pct.

1, John Senden, 71.40%, 2, Sean O'Hair, 71.11%, 3, Briny Baird, 70.65%, 4, Brandt Jobe, 70.51%, 5, Camilo Villegas, 70.08%, 6, Jay Williamson, 69.66%, 7, K.J. Choi, 69.01%, 8, Steve Marino, 68.95%, 9, Dustin Johnson, 68.93%, 10, Steve Stricker, 68.89%.

Total Driving

1, Lucas Glover, 69.2, Matthew Goggin, 77.3, Jonathan Byrd, 78.4, John Senden, 79.5, Robert Allenby, 81.6, Boo Weekley, 86.7, Bill Haas, 88.8, Kenny Perry, 98.9, Ernie Els, 99.1, David Toms, 100.

Putting Average

1, Luke Donald, 1.697, 2, Geoff Ogilvy, 1.710, 3, Steve Stricker, 1.713, 4, Rory Sabbatini, 1.716, 5, Charlie Wi, 1.717, 6, Joe Ogilvie, 1.719, 7, Tim Clark, 1.722, 8, Kevin Na, 1.724, 9, Brian Gay, 1.725, 10, Mike Weir, 1.726.

Birdie Average

1, Geoff Ogilvy, 4.48, 2, Dustin Johnson, 4.47, 3, Anthony Kim, 4.41, 4, Sean O'Hair, 4.40, 5, Paul Casey, 4.29, 6 (tie), Steve Stricker and Tim Clark, 4.22, 8, Tiger Woods, 4.21, 9, Nick Watney, 4.19, 10, Charley Hoffman, 4.17.

Eagles (Holes per)

1, Bubba Watson, 62.3, 2, Nick Watney, 86.4, 3, Dustin Johnson, 88.2, 4, Davis Love III, 94.0, 5, Tag Ridings, 97.2, 6, Phil Mickelson, 105.0, 7 (tie), Tiger Woods and Ryan Palmer, 108.0, 9, Chris Stroud, 110.3, 10, Retief Goosen, 111.0.

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Sybillie Bammer (3), Austria, def. Anne Keothavong, Britain, 6-3, 6-2.

Ordina Open

Tuesday

At Autotron Rosmalen
Den Bosch, Netherlands
Purse: Men, \$630,500 (WT250); Women, \$220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor

Singles

Men

First Round

Marco Baghdatis, Cyprus, def. Tommy Robredo (2), Spain 7-5, 6-2.

Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, def. Bjorn Phau, Germany, 7-6 (3), 2-6, 6-3.

Second Round

Ivan Navarro, Spain def. Marc Gicquel (6), France, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

Benjamin Becker, Germany, def. Fernando Verdasco (1), Spain, 7-5, 7-6 (4).

Dudi Sela, Israel, def. Igor Kunitsyn (5), Russia, 6-4, 6-3.

Michael Llodra, France, def. Kristof Vliegen, Belgium, 6-2, 6-3.

Women

First Round

Alona Bondarenko (5), Ukraine, def. Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-7 (1), 6-3.

Nathalie Dechy, France, def. Dominika Cibulkova (2), Slovakia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Dinara Safina (1), Russia, def. Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, 6-0, 6-3.

Second Round

Flavia Pennetta (3), Italy, def. Ksenia Pervak, Russia, 6-1, 6-1.

Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Sorana Cirstea (4), Romania, 6-4, 6-3.

Kristina Barrois, Germany, def. Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-3.

Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, def. Iveta Benesova (7), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-1.

Sand Save Percentage

1, David Mathis, 69.70%, 2, Kevin Na, 65.56%, 3, Luke Donald, 64.47%, 4, Brian Gay, 63.64%, 5, Ian Poulter, 63.46%, 6, Webb Simpson, 62.96%, 7, Brad Adamonis, 62.50%, 8, Ben Curtis, 60.98%, 9, Mike Weir, 60.76%, 10, Jerry Kelly, 60.56%.

All-Around Ranking

1, Sean O'Hair, 252, 2, Tim Clark, 293, 3, Charlie Wi, 298, 4, David Toms, 302, 5, Kenny Perry, 323, 6, Dustin Johnson, 328, 7, Camilo Villegas, 333, 8, Nick Watney, 337, 9, Stephen Ames, 346, 10, 2 tied with 349.

PGA TOUR Official Money Leaders

1, Geoff Ogilvy (12), \$3,319,045, 2, Zach Johnson (15), \$3,305,441, 3, Phil Mickelson (11), \$3,250,731, 4, Tiger Woods (7), \$3,246,813, 5, Steve Stricker (13), \$3,117,036, 6, Sean O'Hair (13), \$3,047,542, 7, Kenny Perry (14), \$2,776,705, 8, Brian Gay (15), \$2,740,535, 9, Nick Watney, (13), \$2,587,386, 10, Paul Casey (8), \$2,560,610.

PGA Tour FedEx Cup leaders			
Rank	Name	Points	YTD Money
1.	Zach Johnson	1,609	\$3,305,441
2.	Geoff Ogilvy	1,511	\$3,319,045
3.	Steve Stricker	1,497	\$3,117,036
4.	Brian Gay	1,468	\$2,740,535
5.	Tiger Woods	1,449	\$3,246,813
6.	Sean O'Hair	1,387	\$3,047,542
7.	Phil Mickelson	1,386	\$3,250,731
8.	Kenny Perry	1,347	\$2,776,705
9.	Nick Watney	1,289	\$2,587,386
10.	Paul Casey	1,139	\$2,560,610
11.	Rory Sabbatini	1,115	\$2,419,619
12.	David Toms	1,027	\$2,025,115
13.	Dustin Johnson	1,009	\$2,078,103
14.	Jim Furyk	964	\$2,147,603
15.	Retief Goosen	934	\$1,788,640
16.	Charley Hoffman	889	\$1,545,078
17.	Kevin Na	870	\$1,880,215
18.	Tim Clark	855	\$1,665,284
19.	Steve Marino	806	\$1,440,935
20.	Charles Howell III	795	\$1,410,998
21.	Luke Donald	791	\$1,449,450
22.	Pat Perez	791	\$1,428,201
23.	Angel Cabrera	772	\$1,690,695
24.	Brian Davis	760	\$1,609,951
25.	Jerry Kelly	759	\$1,528,557
26.	Lucas Glover	756	\$1,296,053
27.	Mike Weir	755	\$1,520,729
28.	Ian Poulter	749	\$1,864,808
29.	John Rollins	745	\$1,450,465
30.	Y.E. Yang	727	\$1,384,538
31.	John Senden	710	\$1,186,389
32.	Camilo Villegas	699	\$1,317,113

Pro soccer

MLS				
Eastern Conference				
	W	L	T	Pts
D.C.	5	2	7	22
Chicago	5	3	6	21
Kansas City	5	5	4	19
Columbus	4	2	7	19
Toronto FC	5	5	4	19
New England	4	4	4	16
New York	2	10	3	9
Western Conference				
	W	L	T	Pts
Houston	8	2	3	27
Chivas USA	8	4	3	27
Chivas FC	5	3	5	20
Colorado	4	2	5	17
Real Salt Lake	4	6	3	15
Los Angeles	2	6	9	15
FC Dallas	2	7	4	10
San Jose	2	8	3	9

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday's game

Houston 1, Chivas USA 0

Saturday's games

D.C. United 2, Chicago 1

Toronto FC 2, New York 1

Houston 3, FC Dallas 1

Kansas City 3, New England 1

Real Salt Lake 2, Los Angeles 0

Seattle FC 2, San Jose 1

Sunday's game

Columbus 2, Chivas USA 1

Wednesday, June 17

D.C. United at Seattle FC

Saturday, June 20

Los Angeles at San Jose

Seattle FC at New York

Columbus at FC Dallas

Real Salt Lake at Houston

D.C. United at Colorado

WPS

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	7	1	4	25	15	4
Saint Louis	4	3	2	14	8	8
Washington	3	3	4	13	16	18
Boston	3	4	2	11	10	12
Chicago	2	5	1	7	11	8
FC Gold Pride	3	5	2	11	10	14
Sky Blue FC	2	5	3	9	6	9

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Washington 0, Chicago 0, tie

Sky Blue FC 0, Los Angeles 0, tie

Sunday's game

Saint Louis 1, Boston 0

Wednesday's games

FC Gold Pride at Boston

Chicago at Sky Blue FC

Saturday, June 20

Washington at Saint Louis

Sunday, June 21

Boston at Chicago

FC Gold Pride at Los Angeles

AP spotlight

June 17

1954 — Rocky Marciano scores a 15-round unanimous decision over Ezzard Charles at New York to retain the world heavyweight title.

1961 — Gene Littler shoots a 68 in the final round to edge Doug Sanders and Bob Goalby in the U.S. Open.

1962 — Jack Nicklaus beats Arnold Palmer by three strokes in a playoff to win the U.S. Open.

1973 — John Miller shoots a 63 in the final round to win the U.S. Open over John Schlee.

1976 — The 18-team NBA absorbs four of the six remaining ABA teams: the New York Nets, Indiana Pacers, San Antonio Spurs and Denver Nuggets.

1979 — Hale Irwin wins the U.S. Open over Gary Player and Jerry Pate.

1990 — Fifty-year-old Harry Gant becomes the oldest driver to win a NASCAR race as he posts a 2.4-second victory over Rusty Wallace in the Miller 500 at Pocono International Raceway.

1991 — Payne Stewart escapes with a two-stroke victory over Scott Simpson in the highest-scoring U.S. Open playoff in 64 years.

1995 — Claude Lemieux snaps a tie at 3:17 of the third period as the New Jersey Devils open the Stanley Cup finals with a 2-1 victory over the Detroit Red Wings. The victory, the ninth on the road, breaks the NHL playoff record for road wins.

2001 — Retief Goosen misses a 2-foot putt on the 18th green, tying him with Mark Brooks and setting up a playoff for the U.S. Open.

Deals

Monday's transactions

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed 1B Ben Carlson, RHP Brent Brach, LHP Kirk Wetmore and INF Kyle Smith.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Placed RHP Kelvin Escobar on the 15-day DL.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with OF DeAngelo Mack.

National League

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP Tanner Bushue, RHP Brailon Wikoff, RHP Justin Harper, RHP James MacDonald, RHP Mark Jones, RHP Robert Donovan, RHP Brenden Stines RHP Scott Migi, OF Telvin Nash, OF Ryan Humphrey, OF Brian Kemp, OF Julio Martinez, OF Jackson Hogue, SS Brandon Wikoff, SS Ben Orloff, LHP Mike Modica, LHP Travis Smink, C David Williams, 1B Ronald Sanchez, 1B Nicholas Stanley, 2B Barry Butera and 3B Aaron Bay.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with OF Virgil Hill, 1B Alan Hamdy, LHP Pat Daugherty, 3B Matt Carpenter, OF Ross Smith, 1B David Washington, 1B Jonathan Rodriguez, C Anthony Garcia, C Travis Tattamella, RHP Scott Schneider, C Matthew Adams, RHP Keith Butler, RHP Josh Sautter, OF Christian Beatty, RHP Jonathan Fulino, LHP Justin Edwards, LHP Daniel Calhoun, SS Tyler Bighames, RHP Travis Lawler, SS Devin Goodwin, RHP David Kinghorn, RHP Andrew Moss, RHP Justin Smith, 3B Richard Racabaldo, LHP John Durham, RHP Jesse Simpson, RHP Cale Johnson, RHP Aaron Terry, LHP Manuel De La Cruz, LHP Kyle Heim, RHP Michael Thompson and RHP Jason Novak.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Trevor Holder, SS Michael Taylor, RHP Taylor Jordan, OF Justin Bloxom, RHP Patrick Lehman, OF Naoya Washiya, SS Sean Nicol, RHP Frank Corolla, 3B Jack Walker, LHP Mitchell Clegg, RHP Dustin Crane, C Dionisio Boekhoudt, LHP Evan Bronson, RHP Rob Wort, OF Jay Sferra and RHP Kyle Morrison.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Announced G Royal Ivey declined the player option in his contract for the 2009-10 season, making him an unrestricted free agent.

WOMEN'S National Basketball Association

DETROIT SHOCK—Announced the resignation of coach Bill Laimbeer. Named Rick Mahorn coach. Announced assistant coach Cheryl Reeve will keep her title and become the team's general manager.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Suspended Arizona TE Ben Patrick four games for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed OL Jeremy Mattern.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Waived DB Bryan Williams.

DENVER BRONCOS—Signed WR Brandon Lloyd.

NEW YORK JETS—Signed RB Shonn Greene to a four-year contract. Signed LB Brock Christopher.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BOSTON BRUINS—Signed general manager Peter Chiarelli to a contract extension.

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Agreed to terms with coach Paul Maurice on a multi-year contract. Announced Ron Francis will return as associate head coach and take on the title of director of player personnel.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Announced president and CEO Roy MacLachlan will leave effective June 30. Promoted chief operating officer Cyril Leeder to president. Named Erin Crowe executive vice-president and chief financial officer. Announced general manager Bryan Murray will add executive vice-president to his duties.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Announced the retirement of D Derian Hatcher and named him player development coach.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

COLUMBUS CREW—Traded M-F Pat Noonan to Colorado for a 2010 first-round draft pick and allocation money.

United Soccer League

VANCOUVER WHITE CAPS—Fined D Wesley Charles and F Charles Gbeke an undisclosed amount for "unsportsmanlike behavior" in a June 12 game against Miami.

COLLEGE

CONNECTICUT—Announced freshman F Ater Majok withdrew from the NBA draft.

FLORIDA—Named Jan Dowling women's golf coach.

GEORGE MASON—Extended the contract of athletic director Tom O'Connor through 2013.

GEORGIA TECH—Announced sophomore F Gani Lawal withdrew from the NBA draft.

ILLINOIS STATE—Named Bo Durkac and Billy Mohl assistant baseball coaches.

IPFW—Announced the retirement of softball coach Keith Fisher.

LEBANON VALLEY—Named Brianne Tierney women's lacrosse coach.

NOTRE DAME—Announced junior F Luke Harangody withdrew from the NBA draft.

WEST CHESTER—Fired women's golf coach Mike Thompson.

Without Hamilton, Rangers seem disabled

Texas slumps, loses ground in West with top slugger out

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
The Associated Press

That hole in the middle of the Texas lineup is getting harder to ignore, no matter how much the AL West-leading Rangers insist they can win without injured slugger Josh Hamilton.

While the Rangers have reached mid-June as the division leader for the first time in 10 years, their hitters are slumping and their lead shrinking.

"It's not that we're downplaying missing Josh. We're a good team without him, we're a good team with him," Ian Kinsler said. "We have won without him and we need to continue doing that until he gets healthy. We can't sit around and blame our offensive woes on that."

But their June swoon does directly correspond with Hamilton's second trip to the disabled list this season. The center fielder who bats third last played May 31. He is recovering from surgery last week to repair a tear in his abdominal muscle and expected to be out another month.

Before a day off Monday, Texas was 2-4 on its current homestand and hit .197 with 14 runs in that stretch against Toronto and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Rangers (35-27) were held to one run twice and scoreless another game. The Los Angeles Angels have moved within 2½ games, the slimmest margin in three weeks.

"We're not panicking when it comes to our offense," Michael Young said. "We know we'll make adjustments. ... We'll get there. We're confident. It's a matter of time."

The last time the Rangers led the division in mid-June was 1999, the season they won the last of their three AL West titles. They were 7½ games back by this point a year ago, and a whopping



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

The Rangers' Nelson Cruz breaks his bat on a single against Toronto last week. It was one of just six hits Cruz has in his past 33 at-bats. Many Texas hitters are struggling, and the Rangers' decreased offensive production has coincided with Josh Hamilton being on the DL.

28 games behind in 2001.

There are 100 regular season games left, and things are out of whack for a team long known for potent offense and miserable pitching.

Rangers pitchers had a string of 24 consecutive scoreless innings last week, including back-to-back shutout victories at home for the first time in 29 seasons. But they won one of those by the smallest possible margin, 1-0 when they scored on a sacrifice fly.

Texas is hitting only .223 with 39 runs and a 5-7 record so far in June.

"Everybody kind of needs to take it upon themselves to try to be a leader and make something happen," outfielder David Murphy said.

That has been a struggle late-

ly for several of the everyday players.

Kinsler, the leadoff hitter whose torrid start included a 6-for-6 game with a cycle April 15 that had him third in the majors with a .474 batting average, has dipped all the way to .260. He was 4-for-33 the last eight games.

Young was in an 0-for-17 slump, two at-bats short of the longest drought in his career that includes five 200-hit seasons, before an RBI single on Friday night. While still hitting .316 overall, he is 3-for-24 (.125) during the homestand.

Andruw Jones, whose playing time has increased with Hamilton out, also had an 0-for-17 skid before hitting two home runs this weekend against the Los Angeles Dodgers. (Add a homer Jones hit

in a spring training game against the Dodgers and he has three in three games against them this year, after three homers in 75 games for them last season.)

Since nine homers in a 15-game stretch, Nelson Cruz is 6-for-33 with one homer the past nine games. He had three of those hits in one game.

Chris Davis has hit .303 (10-for-33) the past 10 games, but the 23-year-old first baseman is hitting .208 overall and on a record strikeout pace. His majors-high 92 strikeouts in 59 games includes 22 Ks his last 13 home games.

"We're all confident," Kinsler insists. "We know we're capable. We've just got to move on."

The Rangers did go 9-4 when Hamilton missed 13 games earlier this season with a strained rib-

cage muscle after crashing into an outfield wall while making a catch. He got hurt again when he ran into another wall making another catch less than a week after returning from the first DL stint.

Hamilton, who hit .304 with 32 homers and an AL-high 130 RBIs last season, was hitting .240 with six homers and 24 RBIs in 35 games when he got hurt again. But the Rangers depend on him for more than just his bat.

"There are some intangibles that come with him being on the field, whether it's leadership or defense, base running," Murphy said. "He brings so much to our team and so much to the game that we're easily a better team with him on the field and with him in the lineup."

Father's Day is June 21

STARS AND STRIPES will publish
Father's Day Messages in the Middle East,
European and Pacific editions on June 21.

Messages are also online for viewing at Stripes.com.
Online-only messages will be accepted until June 20.





TONY DEJAK/AP

Brewers Prince Fielder, right, and Ryan Braun celebrate at home after Fielder hit a grand slam off Cleveland Indians pitcher Rafael Perez in Milwaukee's six-run eighth inning Monday in Cleveland.

Interleague roundup

Brewers break out of slump in a big way against Indians

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Milwaukee Brewers rebounded from a miserable homestand to outslug the Cleveland Indians in the opener of their interleague series.

Prince Fielder's first career grand slam sparked a six-run eighth inning and the Brewers rallied to beat the Indians 14-12 on Monday night. Ryan Braun also homered and drove in five runs for the NL Central-leading Brewers.

Milwaukee bounced back from a 1-5 homestand during which it scored two runs or fewer in three of the six games.

"That's how it is, you don't score at home and then we get 14 tonight," Fielder said. "That's why this game is so fun and challenging. You never know what's going to happen."

Milwaukee trailed most of the night and was down 12-8 entering the eighth.

"Anything is possible in this game, especially in the American League, when you have a DH in the lineup instead of a pitcher," Braun said. "It's definitely a lot of fun. Different baseball than we're used to playing. It's a big win for us, no question."

Milwaukee sent 11 batters to the plate in the inning, taking advantage when Cleveland relievers Luis Vizcaino and Matt Herges walked the bases loaded for Braun and Fielder.

Cleveland pitchers issued seven walks, giving them a major league-high 261 this season. Greg Aquino, Vizcaino, Herges and Perez combined to allow eight runs, six hits and six walks in 2 1/3 innings.

"The walks have hurt us and they hurt us again," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "We had a really bad night on the mound. It was multiple people and when you do that, it's tough to win ballgames."

Rafael Perez (1-2) replaced Herges after Braun's infield single cut Cleveland's lead to 12-9.

Fielder hit Perez's first pitch into the seats in right-center field for his 16th homer and the 130th of his career — but it was his first slam.

"It was cool, a good feeling. I'm happy we came out on top," Fielder said. "I was just trying to get a pitch I could drive up the middle."

Craig Counsell, Casey McGehee and Braun, the first three batters in Milwaukee's order, went a combined 7-for-13 and scored 10 times.

Todd Coffey (2-1) pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings to pick up the win and Trevor Hoffman got three outs for his 16th save. Milwaukee won its fifth straight over the Indians in interleague play on a night both teams recorded season-highs for runs allowed.

"We were pretty much out of it a couple of times, but the guys didn't quit," Brewers manager Ken Macha said. "We still had a lot of fight left in the dog."

Victor Martinez, Shin-Soo Choo, Mark DeRosa and Travis Hafner homered for Cleveland.

Milwaukee's comeback overshadowed another difficult outing for Dave Bush, who was charged with eight runs in 3 1/3 innings, his shortest outing of the season.

Bush allowed two of Cleveland's four homers, giving him 17

for the season and tying him with Philadelphia's Brett Myers for the most allowed in the majors.

Bush, who hasn't won since May 19, is 0-4 with an 8.64 ERA in his last five starts.

Cleveland starter Carl Pavano struggled again, allowing six runs in five innings. In two starts since his shutout against the Chicago White Sox on June 5, he has allowed 15 runs and 20 hits in 9 2/3 innings.

Angels 9, Giants 7: At San Francisco, Erick Aybar and Bobby Abreu hit back-to-back homers, John Lackey ended a four-start winless stretch and the Angels earned their fourth straight victory.

Aybar hit a two-run homer before Abreu connected in the Angels' seven-run fourth. Robb Quinlan singled in two runs, Mike Napoli added an RBI double and Lackey even singled in a run for his first major league hit and RBI.

Juan Rivera and Sean Rodriguez also went deep for Los Angeles.

Pablo Sandoval hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth to go with an earlier solo shot, his first career multihomer game. Brian Fuentes entered and got pinch-hitter Rich Aurilia on a flyout for his 17th save in 20 chances.

Lackey (2-2) struck out a season-high 10 and won for the first time since May 18 against Seattle.

Giants left-hander Barry Zito (3-7) was done after 3 2/3 innings in his shortest outing of the season. He gave up seven runs and 10 hits.

MLB scoreboard

American League

	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
Boston	38	25	.603	—
New York	36	27	.571	2
Tampa Bay	34	31	.523	5
Toronto	34	31	.523	5
Baltimore	27	36	.429	11
Central Division				
Detroit	34	29	.540	—
Minnesota	32	33	.492	3
Chicago	30	34	.469	4 1/2
Kansas City	28	34	.452	5 1/2
Cleveland	27	37	.439	6 1/2
West Division				
Texas	35	27	.565	—
Los Angeles	33	29	.532	2
Seattle	30	33	.476	5 1/2
Oakland	27	35	.435	8

Sunday's games

N.Y. Yankees 15, N.Y. Mets 0	Florida 11, Toronto 3
Baltimore 11, Atlanta 2	Philadelphia 11, Boston 6
Pittsburgh 6, Detroit 3	Tampa Bay 5, Washington 4
Chicago White Sox 5, Milwaukee 4	Kansas City 7, Cincinnati 1
Chicago Cubs 3, Minnesota 2	L.A. Dodgers 6, Texas 3
Colorado 7, Seattle 1	L.A. Angels 6, San Diego 0
San Francisco 7, Oakland 1	Cleveland 3, St. Louis 0

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Philadelphia	36	25	.590	—
New York	32	29	.525	4
Florida	32	33	.492	6
Atlanta	30	32	.484	6 1/2
Washington	16	45	.262	20
Central Division				
Milwaukee	35	29	.547	—
St. Louis	34	30	.531	1
Cincinnati	31	31	.500	3
Chicago	30	30	.500	3
Pittsburgh	30	33	.476	4 1/2
Houston	29	32	.475	4 1/2
West Division				
Los Angeles	42	22	.656	—
San Francisco	34	29	.540	7 1/2
Colorado	31	32	.492	10 1/2
San Diego	28	34	.452	13
Arizona	27	37	.422	15

Angels 9, Giants 7

Los Angeles					San Francisco				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Figgins 3b	5	0	1	0	Rownd cf	3	0	0	0
EAYar ss	5	1	2	2	MValdez p	0	0	0	0
Abreu rf	5	1	1	1	Torres ph-cf2	1	1	1	2
TriHnth c	3	1	1	0	Renteri ss	5	0	1	0
MWbws/cf	2	0	0	0	Winn lf-cf	4	2	2	0
Wells 1b	5	2	3	1	Medra p	0	0	0	0
Quinlan 1b	5	1	3	2	Howry p	0	0	0	0
Napoli c	4	1	2	1	Iskiahaw ph	1	1	1	0
SRDgz 2b	4	1	1	1	BMolin c	2	0	1	0
Lackey p	3	1	1	1	Whitsd c	3	2	2	0
Guerrr ph	1	0	1	0	Sandov lf	5	2	3	4
JSpier p	0	0	0	0	Aurilia 3b	5	0	1	1
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Houston at Texas	Arizona at Kansas City
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Sunday's games	
N.Y. Yankees 15, N.Y. Mets 0	Florida 11, Toronto 3
Baltimore 11, Atlanta 2	Philadelphia 11, Boston 6
Pittsburgh 6, Detroit 3	Tampa Bay 5, Washington 4
Chicago White Sox 5, Milwaukee 4	Kansas City 7, Cincinnati 1
Chicago Cubs 3, Minnesota 2	L.A. Dodgers 6, Texas 3
Colorado 7, Seattle 1	L.A. Angels 6, San Diego 0
San Francisco 7, Oakland 1	Cleveland 3, St. Louis 0

Monday's games	
Milwaukee 14, Cleveland 12	L.A. Angels 9, San Francisco 7
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Sports briefs

Rossi, Italy down U.S. in Confed Cup opener

The Associated Press

PRETORIA, South Africa — Three goals were scored by American-born players. Two of those goals counted for Italy.

New Jersey-born Giuseppe Rossi scored twice in the second half, Daniele De Rossi had a goal and Italy rallied to overcome a Landon Donovan penalty kick and beat the United States 3-1 Monday night in its opener at the FIFA Confederations Cup.

"I dedicate the goals to my family, who are watching the game on TV in America," Rossi said. "This is a dream, I'm playing for the world champions, and I also hope to become a world champion next year."

The U.S. played a man short after Ricardo Clark was ejected in the 33rd minute for a late tackle on Gennaro Gattuso, but went ahead eight minutes later when Donovan scored his American-record 40th international goal after Giorgio Chiellini hooked and kicked Jozy Altidore.

Rossi grew up in Clifton but moved to Italy to play for Parma's youth team before joining Manchester United. After going to both Newcastle and Parma on loan, United sold him to Spain's Villarreal before the 2007-8 season.

Stallworth gets 30 days for pedestrian's death

MIAMI — Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte' Stallworth took full responsibility for killing a pedestrian while driving drunk in Florida and began serving a 30-day jail sentence Tuesday after he pleaded guilty to DUI manslaughter.

Stallworth also reached a confidential financial settlement to avoid a potential lawsuit from the family of 59-year-old Mario Reyes, according to Stallworth attorney Christopher Lyons. Reyes was struck and killed March 14 by Stallworth, who was driving his black 2005 Bentley after a night drinking at a hotel bar.

Stallworth, 28, told Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Dennis Murphy that he hopes to get involved in drunken driving education programs.

Stallworth faced 15 years in prison. After his release from jail, Stallworth must serve two years of house arrest and spend eight years on probation.

The NFL has said it will review the matter for possible disciplinary action. Lyons said the plea agreement will allow Stallworth to resume his football career.

Stallworth also must undergo drug and alcohol testing, will have a lifetime driver's license suspension and must perform 1,000 hours of community service. Lyons said after five years, Stallworth could win approval for limited driving such as for employment.

NASCAR says Mayfield expert lied about qualifications

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — An expert witness for suspended driver Jeremy Mayfield does not have the medical degrees or certifications he listed in his qualifica-

tions, NASCAR alleged Tuesday.

In a motion filed in U.S. District Court, NASCAR asked that Dr. Harvey MacFensterstein's sworn affidavit be dismissed from Mayfield's lawsuit because the expert falsely represented himself on six counts. MacFensterstein is president of Analytical Toxicology Corp., a drug-testing laboratory in San Antonio, Texas.

Attorneys for Mayfield filed a sworn affidavit from MacFensterstein that said NASCAR's drug-testing program is flawed and does not meet federal workplace guidelines. His findings were the basis of Mayfield's May 29 argument that his indefinite suspension for a failed drug test should be lifted.

Mayfield was suspended May 9 for failing a random drug test collected eight days earlier. NASCAR has not identified the substance he tested positive for, but described it in court as a "a dangerous, illegal, banned substance."

Among MacFensterstein's listed qualifications in the affidavit are claims that he has a bachelor of science degree in medical technology from "Mid Western State University of Texas"; he obtained a medical doctor degree in clinical pathology from CETED University in Mexico; he is certified as a Medical Review Officer, and has membership and certification from two clinical agencies.

But NASCAR submitted six affidavits Tuesday refuting each of his claims.

Judge stops Coyotes sale, move to Canada

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Professional hockey will live on in the desert, at least for a while.

Billionaire Jim Balsillie has failed in his bid to have a bankruptcy court judge order the Phoenix Coyotes sold to him and, over the NHL's objection, moved to Hamilton, Ontario.

His downfall was his self-imposed June 29 deadline for completing the deal.

Redfield T. Baum, chief judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Phoenix, issued a 21-page ruling Monday concluding there was no way the complex case could be resolved by then.

"Simply put, the court does not think there is sufficient time (14 days) for all of these issues to be fairly presented to the court given that deadline," the judge wrote.

The NHL has said it would relocate the team if no suitable ownership in Arizona is found.

The Coyotes have lost more than \$300 million since moving from Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1996.

Wie, Gulbis fail to qualify for U.S. Women's Open

ROCKVILLE, Md. — Michelle Wie has failed to qualify for the U.S. Women's Open.

Wie shot a 74 in the second round of qualifying Monday, and missed by one shot.

The 19-year-old from Hawaii was competing for one of 30 spots at Woodmont Country Club,

where most LPGA Tour players went the day after the LPGA Championship.

Wie has played in the U.S. Women's Open every year since she was 13. She had to qualify last year and then missed the cut at Interlachen.

Also failing to qualify were Natalie Gulbis and 18-year-old rookie Vicky Hurst.

Raiders sign DE Ellis

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders signed defensive end Greg Ellis on Monday night, acquiring a veteran presence as they work to upgrade their defense.

The 6-foot-6, 262-pound Ellis, who turns 34 on Aug. 14, was released earlier this month by the Dallas Cowboys — his team for all 11 of his NFL seasons. The sides completed the deal late Monday when he signed the contract, Raiders CEO Amy Trask said.

Ellis has 77 career sacks, including a career-best 12½ in 2007 for the Cowboys.

NCAA allows FSU to release cheating scandal letter

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The NCAA is allowing Florida State to release a version of its letter to the school on a disciplinary case resulting from an academic cheating scandal.

The school must first retype it and redact names.

The letter, which the school says could be released Wednesday, details the NCAA's response to Florida State's appeal of sanctions resulting from the scandal. The school would be stripped of victories in 10 sports, including football. That would seriously hurt Bobby Bowden's bid to become college football's all-time winningest coach.

Texas Rangers lay off several front office staff

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers have cut several staff members from their front office about two weeks after owner Tom Hicks said he was exploring a sale of the team.

Rangers spokesman John Blake said Tuesday the cuts amounted to less than 10 percent of the staff. He said the possible sale of the team was among several factors that led to the layoffs. Before the cuts, the Rangers had about 275 employees, excluding onfield personnel.

Former major leaguer Hall convicted in sex case

FORT WORTH, Texas — Former major league outfielder Mel Hall has been convicted of sexually assaulting a 12-year-old girl

he coached on an elite basketball team a decade ago.

A Tarrant County jury took about 90 minutes Tuesday to find the 48-year-old Hall guilty on three counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and two counts of indecency with a child.

The sentencing phase was to begin later Tuesday afternoon. Hall faces up to life in prison.

Clemson, Purnell agree to 2-year extension

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Clemson coach Oliver Purnell has agreed to a two-year contract extension that will keep him with the Tigers through 2016.

While the deal hasn't been signed, Purnell and athletic director Terry Don Phillips have signed a memorandum of understanding dated June 1 that outlines the improved package.

Purnell's base salary jumped \$50,000 a year to \$275,000. His supplemental income improved to \$1.075 million each year, up from \$775,000 guaranteed in a two-year extension agreed to in 2008.

Purnell will also receive deferred compensation of \$250,000 a year in 2015 and 2016, money the coach would receive unless he left the school voluntarily or was fired for cause.



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CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE
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Los Angeles Lakers' Pau Gasol (16) pats teammate Kobe Bryant on the head during the second quarter of Game 5 of the NBA Finals against the Orlando Magic Sunday. The Lakers' risky move of acquiring Gasol last midseason from the Memphis Grizzlies will cost them \$35 million over the next two seasons, but paid off when the Spanish forward helped them win the NBA championship.

David J. Phillip/AP



On basketball

Quick fixes available for NBA teams willing to spend

By BRIAN MAHONEY
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The last place Phil Jackson expected to end up when he returned to coach the Los Angeles Lakers was the NBA Finals awards podium.

Sure, the Lakers had Kobe Bryant, but that was about it.

"I said that I'd have to think about it a long time because this team is quite a ways from a championship even though Kobe Bryant always gives you a chance to win," Jackson recalled of his discussions with Lakers executive Jeanie Buss, his girlfriend, in 2005.

"So over the next two and a half months I spent some time thinking about it and rekindling my energy to come back and coach, but when I came back I didn't anticipate we'd win. I'd be part of it. I thought maybe I'd build the steps to a winning team, but I didn't think I'd be part of it, and this is much quicker than I thought it would happen."

A good trade can do that.

The last two NBA champions have proved just that, and the next team willing to make a bold move might be the one sipping champagne next June.

But how many teams dare to do it during an uncertain economic climate?

NBA commissioner David Stern said before the finals that revenues could be down as much as 10 percent next season, and the league already has warned its teams that the salary cap is expected to decrease in the next few years.

That means some may have to put All-Star players on the market as a way to cut costs and avoid having to pay the luxury tax, and a team willing to open its wallet to acquire one of them could see a rapid reward.

Boston was coming off one of the worst seasons in its storied history when it traded for Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett in separate deals two summers ago. The Celtics surged to the best record in the NBA, the greatest one-season improvement in league history, and won their 17th championship by beating the Lakers last June.

By then, Los Angeles was clearly on the rise after acquiring Pau Gasol from Memphis at midseason. The Spanish forward averaged 18.6 points in the finals, joining Bryant to give the Lakers the 1-2 punch that every champion needs.

"He's a dominant post-up player, extremely versatile, makes great decisions, and obviously when we got him last year, that really took us to that next step," Bryant said.

Shaquille O'Neal, Amare Stoudemire and Vince Carter were among the players who were believed to be available at the trade deadline, but there were no significant moves. More big-name, big-salary players will likely be put on the market around the draft or later in the summer — Phoenix already has discussed trading O'Neal to Cleveland, according to reports.

The Suns are among the many

teams looking to slash. Harder to find are the ones willing to spend.

The Cavaliers' Dan Gilbert will, vowing to do whatever it takes to show LeBron James the commitment to building a champion. Dallas owner Mark Cuban has said he is open to taking on additional salary, but doesn't believe there will be many others, even after it seeing it work out for the Lakers and Celtics.

"I don't. Because if it doesn't pay off, the losses could be huge," he wrote in an e-mail.

Cuban took his risk last year at the trade deadline with the acquisition of Jason Kidd, a move that sent his payroll soaring and will force him to pay about \$23 million in luxury tax for this season's second-round exit.

But the NBA is a superstar's league, and they don't come cheap. The Cavaliers, Lakers and Celtics, who had the league's three top records, had three of the five highest payrolls.

Gasol will cost the Lakers nearly \$35 million in salary over the next two seasons. So as good as he is, Gasol wasn't sure he would ever get his wish to get out of Memphis because not many teams are willing or able to take on that kind of commitment.

"But the day that I was traded, I couldn't believe it," Gasol said. "It was such a beautiful day for me, and then also, I think the Lakers were pretty happy with it, too."

So money can buy happiness. Who else is willing to try?

Favre: 'Maybe' playing again

QB waiting to hear if arm's OK

By RACHEL COHEN
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brett Favre will know in several weeks whether his surgically repaired arm will allow him to come out of retirement again.

The quarterback made his first public comments since retiring from the New York Jets in February in an interview Monday night on "Joe Buck Live." He said the only team he has spoken to is the Minnesota Vikings — and that they would be a perfect fit because he's familiar with their offense.

The three-time NFL MVP said Dr. James Andrews performed the surgery 2½ weeks ago on his throwing arm. Andrews told him it would take 4-5 weeks to know if he'll be able to make all the throws he needs to.

"If it ever gets to the point where it feels like it did before it started hurting, then the biggest question mark is out of the way," Favre said.

Favre said Vikings coach Brad Childress wanted him to attend Minnesota's recent organized team activities, but he declined.

"I figured there would be a media frenzy if I was there," he said. "And there would be a media frenzy if I couldn't play, if we had to say three weeks later, 'You know, his arm's just not up to par. He can't play.'"

"So why not have just one media frenzy, and that be later on?"

HBO said Favre agreed in April to appear on the show at the request of Buck, the longtime baseball and football announcer. That was before his release from the Jets, which prompted Minnesota's pursuit of the NFL's career

leader in touchdown passes.

Asked by Buck if he would play this season, Favre replied, "Um ..." After a pause, he said, "Maybe."

"I know people are tired of it, really," Favre said earlier of the drama that accompanies his annual waffling over retirement. "My intentions are not to — although it's good for you — create controversy."

The Vikings were a presumed suitor last summer when Favre renounced his retirement from the Packers and was told Green Bay was going with Aaron Rodgers at quarterback. But the Packers weren't going to let him go to their NFC North rivals, and after a messy divorce with Green Bay, Favre was shipped to the Jets.

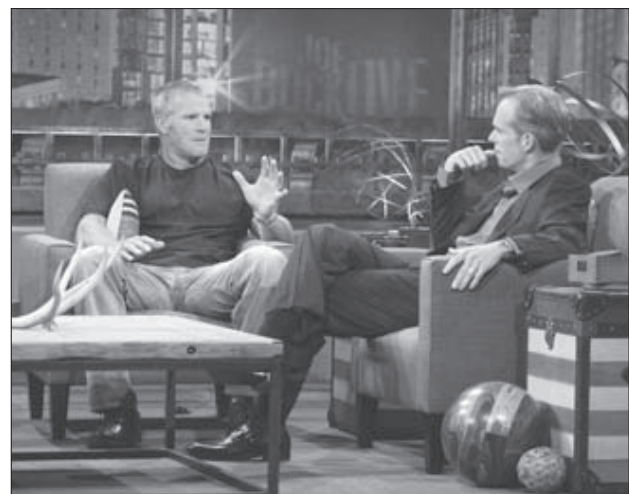
He threw 22 touchdown passes and 22 interceptions last season. The team finished out 1-4 and missed the playoffs, as Favre was bothered by a torn biceps tendon.

The Vikings won their division without him, but have been unsettled at the sport's most important position for the past three-plus years. Quarterback continues to be viewed as one of the team's few weak spots on an otherwise talent-laden roster.

"It makes a lot of sense because the pieces are in place," Favre said.

He said he met with a Vikings trainer Sunday to go over some arm exercises as part of his rehab, but the team has not made plans to evaluate his readiness to play. Favre said his conversations with Vikings officials have been infrequent and limited.

"Nothing other than, 'Are you interested?' " he said. "And vice versa."



HBO, ADRIANO AGUNDES/AP

In this photo released by HBO, former New York Jets and Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre, left, speaks with talk show host Joe Buck in an interview on "Joe Buck Live," Monday in New York. In his first public comments since retiring from the New York Jets in February, Favre said he will know in several weeks whether his surgically repaired arm will allow him to come out of retirement again.

Odds don't deter long shots from taking crack at Open

By DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. — Tiger Woods held the putter with only his left hand as he rapped a 60-foot putt across the practice green. Then he hit another putt with his right hand, a third putt with both hands in conventional style.

He asked for the wedge to try a variety of shots out of sticky grass, searching for the best approach.

Woods knows all the drills.

This is his 15th straight year playing in the U.S. Open, and his third attempt this decade at joining an elite group as back-to-back champions in the so-called toughest test in golf.

Woods is the overwhelming favorite at Bethpage Black, where he won by three shots in 2002 as the only player to finish under par. The challenge figures to come from a familiar cast, whether it's Padraig Harrington or Phil Mickelson, Geoff Ogilvy or Jim Furyk.

What gives the U.S. Open its charm, however, are the long shots.

Ogilvy finished warming up on the range and walked past players he had never seen. One of them was Scott Lewis, a 20-year-old amateur still trying to get over the shock of playing in his first U.S. Open.

Lewis just finished his sophomore year at the University of California-Santa Barbara, where his best finish this year was a tie for seventh in the Wyoming Desert Invitational. An alternate from sectional qualifying, he didn't learn he was in the U.S. Open until Friday. Before he could blink, he had an audience like never before.

"People are watching me hit balls," he said. "First time that's ever happened."

Stranger still was walking to the range and hearing someone ask for an autograph. He kept right on walking until his father, who is caddy for him, real-



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Scott Lewis chips onto the 12th green Monday in preparation for the U.S. Open. He didn't learn until Friday that he would be playing.

ized no one else was around and tapped his son on the shoulder to sign.

Another first.

On the far end of the range was Clinton Jensen, a 34-year-old father of two young girls who quit golf for a couple of years until he realized he couldn't stay away. He is playing the Tar Heel Tour and wants to try Q-school again this fall, hopeful this time he can get past the second stage for the first time.

"I just couldn't stay away," Jensen said.

For every Woods, Mickelson and Harrington who are trying to add to their collection of majors, there are players like Lewis, Jensen and 19-year-old David Erby who are simply happy to be at Bethpage Black.

The U.S. Open is the only major where more than 50 percent of the field is open to any player willing to qualify. The last player to go through 18-hole local qualifying and 36-hole sectional qualify and win the U.S. Open was Orville Moody in 1969.

They all know their odds are longer than some of the par 4s at Bethpage Black.

The thrill was getting here.

Lewis, who had the seventh-

best scoring average of the Gauchos this year, made a 35-foot birdie putt on the final hole of sectional qualifying that got him into a four-man playoff for three spots. With jangled nerves, he made bogey and was first alternate.

The USGA handed him a packet of instructions for alternates — they cannot play the golf course, but they can use the practice facilities as long as they're not taking up space. Lewis didn't even bother opening the envelope.

"Then I got a text at 5:24 a.m.," he said, a small detail that recites as easily as his birthday. "It said to call the USGA because there's been a change in plans. I couldn't get back to sleep."

Lewis replaced Dudley Hart, who withdrew with an injury.

He finished final exams on Sunday, played in the sectional qualifier Monday, moved out of his house in Santa Barbara on Tuesday because his lease was up, traveled home to Henderson, Nev., spent Thursday unpacking, then began booking flights to New York.

He took a redeye and arrived Monday morning.

"My head is spinning," Lewis said. "Everything happened so fast."



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Clinton Jensen chips on the fifth hole during a U.S. Open practice round Monday. Jensen previously played the Open in 2002.

It's about to hit warp speed. He signed up for a practice round Monday afternoon, which was cut short when mostly sunny skies gave way to afternoon thunderstorms, dumping even more water on a Bethpage Black course already softer than the USGA prefers. That will make it play even longer than its 7,406 yards, no matter what tees are used.

"I just want to learn as much as possible," Lewis said. "We'd all like to be out there and play well. I'm looking forward to competing."

Jensen made a 30-foot birdie putt on his last hole of sectional qualifying, then lost to a birdie in the playoff and was first alternate. He was debating whether he should even come to New York until he learned Thursday he would be among the top alter-

nates. Three days later, he got in when former Masters champion Trevor Immelman withdrew with an elbow injury.

And to think he gave up on golf after missing the cut in his only other U.S. Open, in 2005 at Pinehurst No. 2.

"I was just beating my head against the wall," he said.

Something told him not to stray too far, however, for he took a job at Lost Tree Golf Club in south Florida. He might find a new career someday, but he wasn't ready to quit just yet.

"This is all I've ever done since I was 15," Jensen said.

Then he looked around a practice range that was quickly getting crowded, and bleachers that were getting full.

"I'm having a great time," he said.

Open: Since debacle at Shinnecock, mostly praise

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It was held at Shinnecock Hills in 2004, and no one broke par in the final round. Ernie Els played in the final pairing and shot 80. The par-3 seventh became such a debacle that few players could keep their tee shots — or even second shots — on the green. Davis wasn't in charge that year, yet it remains one of his most nervous moments at a U.S. Open.

He identified the problem immediately, but could not get Meeks or Walter Driver, then chairman of the championship committee, on the radio. Davis walked onto the green and removed the flag stick to suspend play and hose down the green.

"In the position I was in, I didn't have the authority to do that," he said. "But I could see we had to stop play."

Complaints have been few since that U.S. Open, which leads to some awkward mo-

ments for Davis. For as much as he enjoys hearing compliments on his work — who doesn't? — it usually comes in tandem with criticism of Meeks, his predecessor.

Furyk, who won at Olympia Fields in 2003, was asked a simple question about how the setup has changed in the U.S. Open over the last decade, and he chose his words carefully.

"I always feel like when I get asked that question that I'm picking on Tom or the previous setups, which I don't want to do," he said. "I obviously won a U.S. Open that Tom set up. But Mike has a different approach."

Davis Love III said the setup man at the U.S. Open is similar to an umpire — only the bad calls get remembered.

"Tom didn't want to be the guy who was too easy," Love said. "That's the way the USGA had always been. He kept up the

tradition."

Meeks took a beating for the hole location on the 18th at Olympic Club; for some players being unable to reach the 10th fairway at Bethpage in 2002 because of a 265-yard carry into the wind and rain; and for Shinnecock Hills.

Even now, he says he was simply adhering to the longtime U.S. Open philosophy.

"The U.S. Open has to be harder than anything else, but you still have to keep it fair," Meeks said from his home in Indiana. "It's a hard line to dial in. If I had any doubt, I would go the more difficult way. I can see a tendency now with Mike, if we have any doubt, to go the conservative way."

That might be reflected in the complaint box, but not the scoreboard.

This will be his fourth U.S. Open to set up the course, and Davis has yet to face

the criticism that Meeks heard frequently. One thing he admired about Meeks was his willingness to take all the blame, even when it wasn't always his fault.

Even so, Davis believes he has had some luck on his side. And he figures it's only a matter of time before something goes wrong.

"If he continues the philosophy of the U.S. Open, somewhere down the road there's going to be a slip-up," Meeks said. "It doesn't happen by design. It happens because of the U.S. Open."

And just what is the U.S. Open philosophy?

"We want the U.S. Open to be a very hard test," Davis said. "But how can we ensure that well-executed shots get rewarded? That mediocre shots get mediocre results? And if it's a bad shot, it really gets penalized. That's been the whole goal."

SPORTS



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Course workers mow the 13th fairway during preparations for the U.S. Open at Bethpage State Park's Black Course in Farmingdale, N.Y., on Monday. The USGA has changed the way it prepares its renowned rough at U.S. Opens. The graduated rough is more fair, players say, and gives them more choices when they make their shots.

U.S. Open's course setup Starts with a lawn mower

Redefining the rough lowered complaints but kept the 'toughest test' scores high

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FARMINGDALE, N.Y. — Jack Nicklaus used to relish hearing complaints in the days leading up to a U.S. Open, knowing each player who griped meant one less player to beat.

He might be surprised by the silence these days.

Greens are still firm and fast as ever, although golf balls don't seem to be rolling off the green because of peculiar hole locations. The rough remains a hallmark of the U.S. Open, the difference now is that it gradually gets higher farther away from the fairway.

And it's not like the scores have come down.

Geoff Ogilvy had a 5-over 285 when he won at Winged Foot in 2006, the highest winning score to par at the U.S. Open in 32 years. But something was missing that week.

"Winged Foot was the first one

for a long time that no one complained," Ogilvy said. "Five over and no one complained. So he must have got something right."

Ogilvy was referring to a USGA official who has become a popular figure in his short time as the setup man for the U.S. Open. Mike Davis has a long title — senior director of rules and competition — and a simple task.

His job is to prepare the U.S. Open to be the toughest test in golf, without going over the top.

"It's been a better test," Kenny Perry said. "They're getting it right, in my opinion."

It all starts with a lawn mower, and a concept that Davis might never have conceived of if he had not been at Baltusrol in 1980 with his father for his first trip to the U.S. Open.

He recalls standing along the fifth fairway, waiting on the tee shots. The first drive missed the fairway by 5 feet, and Davis couldn't see the ball in the deep

rough. The next player missed his mark by some 25 yards, where the spectators had trampled down the grass, leaving the player a clean shot that he hit in close for birdie.

"I said to myself, 'Something is wrong,'" Davis said. "I know that golf isn't supposed to be totally fair, but that to me was over the top. The rough is so penal close to the fairway, and the fairway is narrow to begin with. So many times, a guy hits one outside the ropes and gets a good deal."

Davis, who joined the USGA in 1990, knew he had been chosen to take over for Tom Meeks as the setup man starting in 2006. He kept returning to that scene at Baltusrol and began consulting with USGA staff, including Jim Hyler, chairman of the championship committee.

Instead of only one option — hack a wedge back to the fairway — he wanted the best players in the world to show their skill and their smarts if their tee shots

landed in the rough.

The praise has been nearly universal.

"Mike is trying to bring back shotmaking and decision-making," Tiger Woods said. "Do I try to go for the green? If I hit a flyer, I'm dead. Before it was so routine — miss the fairway, wedge out. Now you have that option. And I think guys are making more mistakes than before because now they have choices."

Jim Furyk called the graduated rough one of the best things that has been brought to major championship golf in the last 10 years.

"It really makes the golf course play more fair," he said. "And I also think they're able to kind of set up a shot value a little bit. I just feel like you're rewarded more for a good shot now than you were the previous 10 years at the U.S. Open."

A good amateur golfer, Davis began his USGA career in operations, worked in rules and



gravitated to his passion, which is golf course architecture. And it helped that he had knowledge of agronomy.

Ogilvy, himself a student of golf architecture, used a word rarely associated with the U.S. Open — fun.

"Torrey Pines was the funnest major of the year by far last year," he said. "If you had said in July 2004 that the U.S. Open would be the funnest of the year, you would have laughed."

That year was critical in a philosophical shift for the U.S. Open.

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